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THE KINGS DAUGHTER'S

Social—Coming "Feast in the Wilderness" —Happy Hearts—Notes.

Baltimore, Md., Special.

The I. S. M. circle of the King's Daughters of Sharp street, M. E. Sunday school, Baanato social gave an entertainment at Sharp street hall, Nov. 16th and 17th. Rev. I. S. Lee is still improving. Mrs. Nellie Sorrell is better. Mrs. Priscilla Bamley has been sick, but is better. A brilliant wedding took place Wednesday, Nov., 22 1893, at Madison street Presbyterian church The groom being Rev. Elijah P. Gellinge of Pennsylvania, the bride Miss Elizabeth A. Cornish, of Baltimore. Rev De W. H. Weaule performed the ceremony, at the church. A reception was held at 315 W. Preston street from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. There was a grand entertainment given on wednesday and Thursday evenings, of last week, by the Golden Reaper Circle of Kings Daughters at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Bradford 727 Linden Ave. Mrs Mary O. Dickerson has been very sick but is better. Thanksgiving entertainment and festival at John Wesley Methodist Episcopal church on Thanksgiving evening. Bethel A. M. E. Sunday School will hold a feast in the wilderness on Thanksgiving evening and it will last for one week. The forth annual Thanksgiving supper will be given at the Ebenezer A. M. E. church Thursday evening, Nov. 10, 1893. by the Ladies' Church Aid Society assisted by a committee of ladies from the stewardess board, Arnett club and missionary society. John Wesley M. E church has a grand revival going on. Mr. Hall of Anne, Rundel county, was in the city last week for a few days visiting his friends.

Where They will go Thanksgiving.

Carthage, Mo., Special.

Lookout for the big time on Thanksgiving. The teachers and scholars will have four days' rest. Rev. W. S. Blake and wife, and Lucy Young will spend Thanksgiving at Granby, Mo. Quite a number of the Carthagians will go to Neosho on that day. N. A. Grammer has returned from the World's Fair. Mrs. Young, of Granby, was in the city to see her daughter. Fred Blair is in the city Elijah Fisher is at home. Fred and Art Hancock are in the city. John Scott will join his wife and children Christmas. Mrs. Mary Scott, little Sarah and Dakota Scott, Revs. J. Garnett, W. S. Blake and John Scott visited Lamar, Mo., recently. William Rodes made a flying trip from Sarcoxie, Mo., to see his family. All the teachers of Southwestern Missouri are thinking of spending Christmas in Jefferson City. Emma Goucher is able to be out again. While Mr. R. A. is out of the city N. A. Grammer will be substituted in his place. There will be Memorial services held at the M. E church at 10 o'clock, Nov. 19th, in honor of Mr. Byrd. Little Ida Blue, of Springfield, died recently and was brought to this city and buried. C. C. Clayton and wife and little Frances Blue accompanied the remains to this place. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. Rush, assisted by Rev. W S. Blake. Rev. A. J. Thompson passed through the city on his way to Mt. Vermon. Mo., this week. Mr. Hix is planing to go East soon. There was a grand concert at the old court house Nov. 13th, given by the M. E. church. R A. Byrd was called home suddenly to attend the burial of his brother, Wm. T. Byrd.

RESOLUTION.

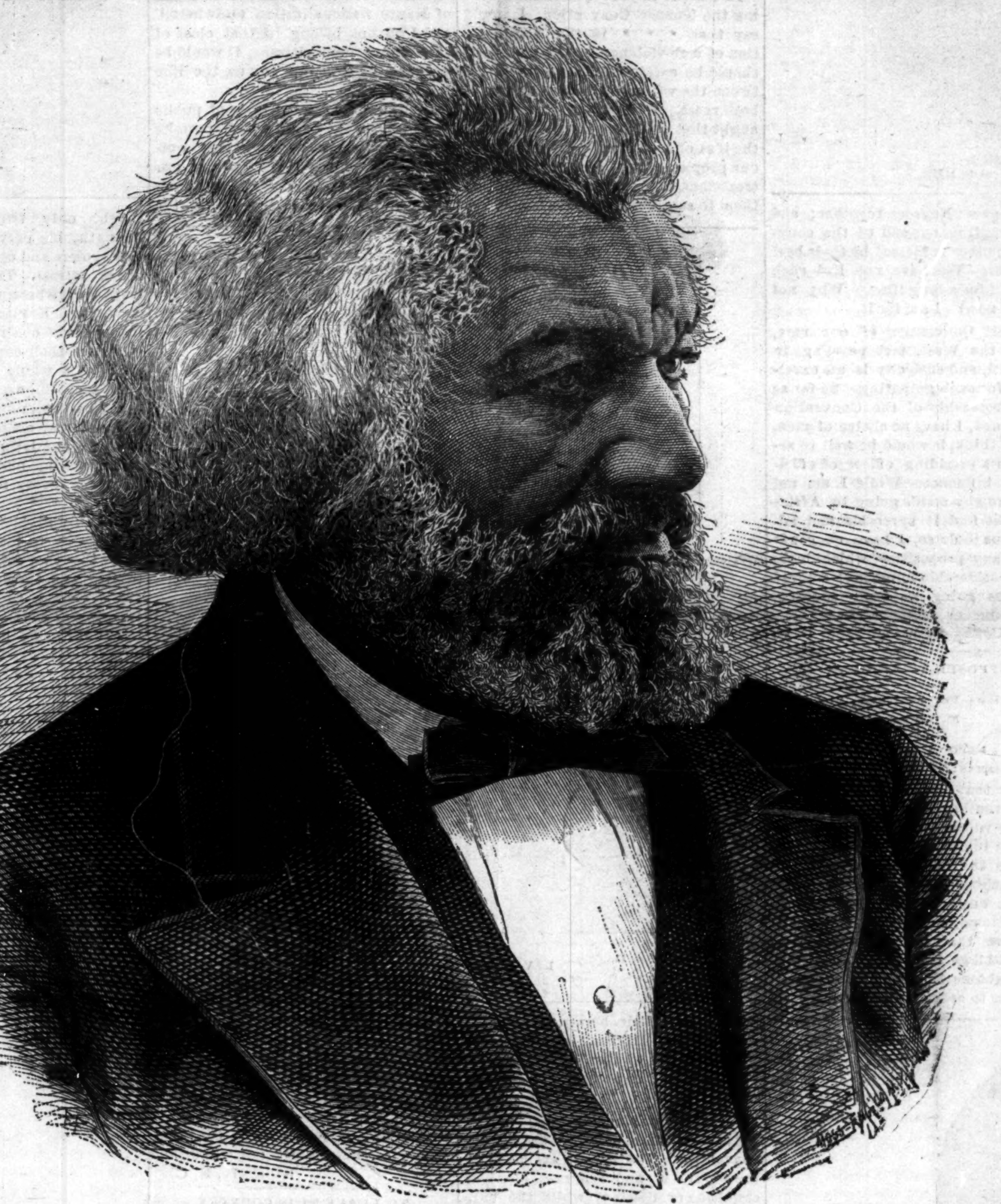
RESOLVED, That the M. E church, Baptist church, Lincoln School and the people of Carthage have heard with regret and profound sorrow of the death of Wm. T. Byrd. We ask the Divine Father to give comfort to the bereaved family.

A Good Woman Eulogized.

Boston, Mass., Special.

The Colored National League delivered eulogies on the life and character of the late Lucy Stone. Miss Howard read a paper on her life. Also the league will next hold a memorial in honor of the late Dr J. C. Price. The last tribute of respect was paid to Edward C. Day at Charles Street church, who died Nov. 1st. He was a member of the Pythian order, also the Rising Sun lodge, F. and A. M. Magnolia and Cyrene Courts of Calanthe were represented. The Grand Prelate, Rev. J. T. Haslett, officiated, assisted by Dr. D. P. Roberts and Rev. J. Allen Kirk. Many beautiful floral tokens were given by friends and associates. Much credit is due Dt. Elizabeth Clinton, she having reported in the last session of the K. and T. the following Tabernacles and Tent organized: Clinton Bell Tabernacle, No 458, of New Bedford. with Miss Clarison Davis, C P; Mt Olive Tabernacle No 446, of Malden, Mrs. E. E. Hall, C. P.; Golden Leaf Tabernacle No. 468, of Providence, R. I., Mrs. Mary E. Ford, C. P.; Lewis Hayden Tabernacle No. 206, of Boston, with Mrs. Hattie Rollins, Queen Mother I C. G. M., Rev. Moses Dickson, visited New Bedford, and while there was the guest of the Esther and Clinton Bell Tabernacles, and set up two temples. Two happy souls, G. Fred. Seannon, of Cambridge, and Miss Dora Wheeler, of Irving street, Boston, Rev. Peter Smith, officiating. "At home," 36 Irving street. Also Madison Allston and Mrs. Rosetta Hudgins, Dr D P. Roberts, officiating. Mrs. George F. Bailey, of New Bedford, has returned home. Charles C. Easton, of Newport, is dead. In former years he was a resident of Boston, and was a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow. Owing to the great demand for space in the coming Thanksgiving number of The Freeman, November 25th, the news from this place is not as complete as usual. Any communication for The Freeman will be received by V. O. Clarke, 21 Buckingham street, Boston.

"THE SAGE OF ANACOSTIA."



HONORABLE FREDERICK DOUGLASS,

EDITOR FREEMAN:—As a means of directing public attention to the anomalous condition of our people in the United States, the Convention may, and I trust will do good. The platform of such a Convention is the place for presenting to our country and to the world the great injustice and terrible wrongs to which we are subjected as a class. If that platform shall be so used every friend of the colored race will rejoice that Bishop Turner has bravely called the convention. Anything but silence and stagnation, and everything that can be wisely done to keep our just cause before the people, is my motto and watchword. Nevertheless. do not believe in any wholesale plan of colonization to Africa. Emigation? Yes; Exodus? No

Anacostia, Washington, D. C.

A Mummy of the Time of Joseph.

Lincoln University, Pa., special,

Recently the Rev. Dr. Marrow, secretary of the Bible society of Pennsylvania, and familiarly known to Lincoln students as the man who said: "Where there is no vision, the people perish," lectured in the chapel on "What a pilgrim saw in the Holy Land." He had many interesting relics out, one of the most remarkable was a mummy hawk, which he said was as old as the time of Joseph. Mrs. Wright, an active mission worker, of Virginia, visited the University and addressed the Junior Theological and Senior Collegiate classes. Recent visitors at the Lyceums were Prof. Stewart and family and Miss Persell, of Danville, Pa, and Miss Lucy M Stewart, of Moberly, Mo. The faculty has decided that each of the two lyceums shall select seven Juniors who shall speak at the oratorical contest, and then the faculty will select six from the fourteen speakers, which six shall be the contestants for the gold medal June 5th If you would know all things, read The Freeman, for it always has something new. The Senior speaking which begins January 13, '94, is optional. No one is compelled to speak, but no one who does not speak is eligible to a commencement appointment. He who will speak and thus become eligible to an appointment, must report his piece to the president of the faculty not later than January 5, '94. The students have organized an athletic association; Messrs. D. B. Anderson, president; P. W. Watson, secretary and treasurer, and W. R. Ranklin, general manager.

J. P. MURPHEY.

The New Pastor.

Paris, Tenn., Special.

The West Tenuessee Annual Conference of the A. M. E. church has appointed Rev. J. M. Holt, pastor of Quinn Chapel, A. M. E church for the present year. He is also a staunch supporter of The Freeman. Rev. P. Cross of the colored Baptist church has arranged to commence a course of reading in systematic and practical theology and biblical exposition, under the direction of Rev. Mr. Ball, (white.)

The faculty of the city graded school and two of the resident ministers are students of the Chautauqua Scientific and Literary Circle.

Ere the close of the present year, there will be at least one hundred readers of The Freeman in this place.

Republican for First Time in 31 Years.

Long Branch, N J, special.

A grand mass meeting was held in Baptist church Rev. W. H Dickson, of Asbury Park, N. J., was the speaker The whole republican ticket was elected, we got a Senator, Clerk and Sheriff. The state of New Jersey went republican which has been democratic for 31 years. The Baptist church had a grand supper on the 8th, Rev. A. Smallwood was married on the 20th, to a western lady. The A. M. E. church held a weeks meeting, they had a grand time. Mr. Isaac Harsey made a flying trip to the South and brought his mother with him. Mr. J. D. Sandlen has bought a lot on Lincoln Place at a cost of $175,00. The trustees of the Funeral Aid Society are building an addition. Mr. and Mrs. John Rishon visited their people in Maryland.

Visiting Her Sister.

Livingston, Ala., Special.

Farmers of Summer county say that crops are better than in the year of 1887. Among our worthy citizens in this city are M. Dotson, A. J. Arrington and T. Myres. We have some fine barbers, viz.: F L. Dotson and W. C. Kinnard, Miss B. A. Moore made her arrival here on the 10th. One of our best blacksmiths is Marcellus Speight. Miss Mamie Bates is here from Selma, Ala, spending the fall with her sister, Miss Susie Kinnard.

Wedding Bells.

Henderson, Ky, Special.

Don't forget the young men's fidelity grocery. Give them a call, they will treat you right. Robert Lewis, of Hopkinsville, Ky., and Miss Bettie Bibbs, of this city, were united in matrimony Wednesday evening, the 8th, at 8 o'clock. The bride received some very valuable presents. After refreshments of all kinds were served, the rest of the night was very pleasant. Rev. Mr. Morton has closed his meeting. He had success.

How they Stood in School.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Aunt Maria Herter died at her sisters' residence, Miss Mollie Hester. Aunt Maria has been afflicted many years; age 72. Elder Metcalf pastor of the St. John Baptist church baptized a total number of 24. Rev. E. O. Kenny is teaching pay school; he has 14 in number. Mrs. Willie Smith accompanied by her husband, has returned home. The following is the list of those who obtained 85 per cent. 1st. Quarter. 4th Grade:—Hattie Bibb, 89; Laura Burres, 88; Lulu Chelton, 88; Vivan Dabney. 88; Willie Pollard, 85; Elnora Gossett, 85; 5th Grade—Happy Moore, 85; Ida Garnett, 93; Laura Keesee, 90; Eliza Reeves, 86; Minnie Bowman, 85. 6th Grade—Mattie Moore, 92; Birdie Stanfield, 88; Callie Carr, 89; Delinure Carr, 85; Ananias Watkins, 85; Lena Dix, 93. 7th Grade—Lillie Roberts, 93; Ruth Garnett, 88; Andrew Roberts, 85; Flora Crouch, 90; Anna Edwards, 86. 9th Grade—Birdie Crusman, 92. Elder Wimbley, pastor of Mt. Auley, has baptized five converts. W. T. Wright has returned from Erin. Willie Slangter, of New Mexico, is visiting relation in Clarksville.

Funeral Sermon Preached.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

Y. M. C. A, progresses nicely. Miss Mattie Darnell's funeral was preached at First Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock a. m. The Baptist college progresses nicely. The Freeman one of the grandest of papers the Negro race possesses is full of interesting news during Thanksgiving holidays, let each and everyone avail themselves of an enormous treat and subscribe for it.

Star Spangled Banner Club.

Uniontown, Pa., Special.

Quarterly meeting was held at Zion A. M. E. church last Sunday, collection $26 61. Love feast was held Monday night. The Star Spangled Banner club was organized at Mt. Olivet Baptist church. Officers: Mrs. L Webster, president; Mrs. Carford, vice-president; Mrs. Lewis, secretary; Wm. Ford, editor; I. T. Watts, treasurer; Miss Martha Dawson, assistant secretary; Mrs. Al. McClure, organist. All say that they cannot do without The Freeman. On the 17th, the St. Paul A. M. E literary met. Everybody wishing a paper worth reading, call at East Main street on Edward Brown.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS ISSUE.

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DELEGATES ELECTED.

Political Excitement—Prominent Afro-American Workers.

Detroit, Mich., Special.

Week before last Detroit witnessed the greatest political excitement known to the city in all its history. A municipal and Congressional election were held respectively on the 7th, the former for the election of a mayor for the city of Detroit, and the latter to fill the place made vacant by the death of Hon. Logan Chipman. Mayor Pingree was re-elected by nearly 6,000 majority. Among the colored men who interested themselves in the election of Mr. Pingree, were Circuit Court Commissioner, D. Augustus Straker, John G. Grant, Manfred Hill, Dr. L. H. Johnson and sons, Romeyn Jeffrey, Wilmot Johnson, Nathan Wilson and others. A new start in journalism has been made by John G. Grant, one of Detroit's most active workers in public affairs. "The Detroit Inquirer" is the latest, and it has a neat appearance and sounds as of substance. Crummel Lambert, son of the well known William Lambert, deceased, is to be married to Miss Jennie Davenport, both of the city of Detroit, and at the residence of Alexander Walker. Delegates are being chosen to the Turner convention to be held in Cincinnati. Detroit is electing one set of delegates and the Afro-American Protective League of the state another. James H. Cole, son of Jas. H. Cole, Sr., one of our well-to-do colored men of the city, has been appointed a clerk in the county treasurer's office. It is to be hoped that Mayor Pingree will remember the colored voter in some representative appointment during his incoming administration. "Your friends and their adoption tried grapple them to your soul (politically) with hooks of steel."

Negroes Hard to Suit.

Crawfordsville, Ark, Special.

Elder R. World, of Oklahoma, is the biggest story-teller in the world; who is he? Where did he come from? The Turner club has held several rousing meetings; Chas. Margerum is president; G. H. Stewart, secretary and Lewis Cross, treasurer. It proposes to send a delegate to Cincinnati. Ebenezer church and S. S. are doing a grand work. Miss Addie Reese is the secretary. I visited Corinthian church and lectured on the utility of The Freeman. Elder Joiner is much loved by his church St. John gave an entertainment Saturday evening, attendance large. G. H. Stewart visited Memphis this week. Rev. Wymbs went West this week. Our people South keep up a fuss about their treatment in every thing and do nothing to help the race and its leaders. Negro papers are too small for them, so is the type, it don,t come regular, in fact they find fault with every thing the race is doing. They say a colored merchant's calico fades, his coal oil is watered, his meat is tainty, his molasses is black, his flour is old, his shoes have paper soles, nothing our color has, suits them, part of them try to get out of the race. We are coming slowly.

Delegate Elected.

Columbus, Ky., Special.

At our meeting held at Odd Fellows' hall D. R. Teague was elected our representative to the Turner Convention. Rev. G. B. Lynch returned from Louisville Sunday very ill, where he had been for his family. Rev. J. Evans filled his pulpit Sunday morning and Rev. J. Bougurand at evening. F. J. Jordan, of Arlington, Ky, was in town and stayed till Monday. Mr. Jordan has purchased a horse and buggy. Our public school numbers 172; D. R. Teague, principal; Misses Anna Caraway and Nancy S. Price, teachers. Arthur Maples, of Milbourn, Ky., and Hezikiah Dumas, of Paris, Tenn., are attending the public school. Elder A. J. Jackson has held his first Quarterly meeting. A. D. Well, of Union City, Tenn., is at work barbering with G. W. Montgomery.

Took Premium at Fair.

Gainesville, Tex., Special.

Buy The Freeman from Roy Carr; the greatest Negro news paper published. Mrs. F. M. McPherson has arranged a nice programme for Thanksgiving at the C. M. E church. Mr. J. C. Scott of the Ft. Worth Item was in our city last week. Mrs. W. B. Johnson and Miss M. L. Logwood took premiums at the State fair. The city school enrollment is 205. The C. M. E. church is pastored by Rev. Wm. B. Johnson; the Baptist church, by Rev. A. W. Moss, the C. M. E. church, by Rev C. F. Moore. The city school has four teachers. Rev. Wm. B. Johnson, leaves for conference at Tyler next week. If You would keep posted on the race news, read The Freeman.

Personal.

Junction City, Kan., Special.

Mrs. P. P. Jones left Wednesday morning, 15th inst., for Dallas, Tex., where she will spend a few days with friends, and then leave for other points to visit parents and relatives.

NO CHOICE FOR CHAIRMAN.

Believes That Every Person Should do as He Thinks Best About Africa.

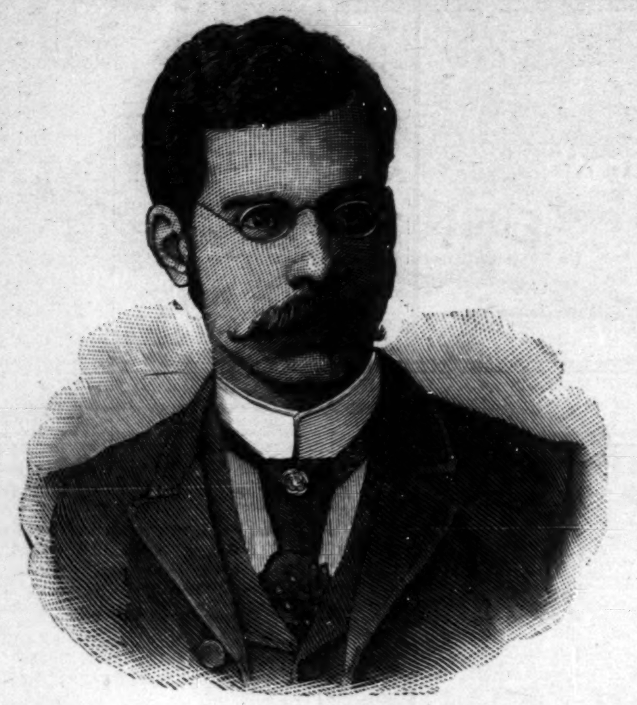
U. S. MINISTER JOHN J. DURHAM.

EDITOR FREEMAN;

In reply to your courteous invitation of the 21st ult., I regret to have to say that I am not sufficiently informed about the Convention to which you refer to have an opinion, either as to what should be the cardinal action of that body or as to the most desirable person to preside.

As to my favoring or opposing immigration to Africa, I believe that every man should go where he believes he can be at his best, and that he himself is the best, if not the sole, judge on that point..

Legation of the United States,
Port Au Prince, Hayti.
Nov. 2, 1893.



HON. JOHN J. DURHAM,
Minister Resident to Haiti.

FAVORS DISCUSSION

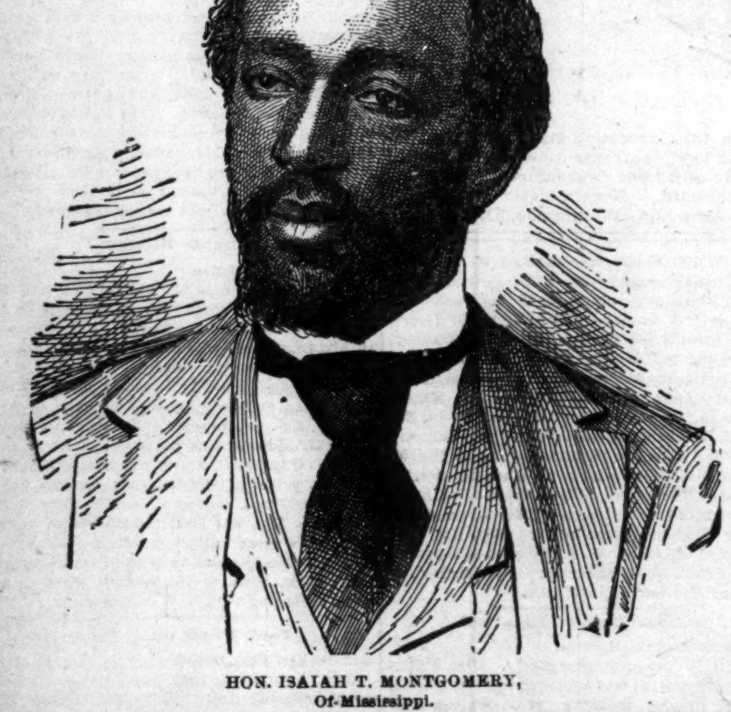
Of the African Idea—Chairman, John R. Lynch.

HON. ISIAH T. MONTGOMERY.

EDITOR OF THE FREEMAN:

Replying to your interesting inquiry as to my views in regard to the opproaching Race Convention that has been called by Bishop Turner and others to meet in Cincinnati; I would say: One of the most practical modes of procedure, will be to thoroughly canvass the condition, environments, and opportunities of our people in every section of the country; carefully noting such as afford the best facilities for their advancement, with the purpose of submitting recommendations accordingly, and inducing as far as practicable the abandonment or removal from such localities as present the least encouraging features. In the executions of such plans as this or any other that may be evolved, the colored Press must be considered as a leading factor. This fact calls to mind another great work which ought to receive the attention of the convention, viz.; That of more closely uniting our press and people, this can only be accomplished by securing a more general circulation of Negro literature among the masses of the race.

As to Africa, I have noticed among our people a peculiar and growing interest in their Fatherland, and for various reasons I favor intelligent discussions in relation to it on any suitable occasion, not however as an emigrationist; we have a birthright in this country and have both earned and won our heritage, which justice and truth will continue to demand until progressive civilization and christianity shall make the proper award. The chairman ought to be a man of weight and undoubted parliamentary ability; we doubtless have many suitable, but I do not now think of one better equipped than Hon., John R. Lynch. Mound Bayou, Miss.



HON. ISAIAH T. MONTGOMERY,
Of-Mississippi.

NO CONFIDENCE

In the African Idea—No Choice for Chairman.

HON. JOHN M. LANGSTON.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I am not opposed to a National Convention of colored Americans. Really I am in favor of such gatherings. I never attended such a meeting that I was not myself personally benefitted; and I think the cause of the Negro race promoted. It does no harm to see the great Negroes together; and the Nation from one end of the country to the other is blessed by their best utterances. We have not had such Covention for a long time. Why not have one now? I am for it.

The best Convention of our race, held in the West, met years ago in Cincinnati, and such city is an excellent one for such gathering. So far as the Chairmanship of the Convention is concerned, I have no choice of men, except, I think, it would be well to arrange for a presiding officer of efficiency and influence. While I am not opposed to any man's going to Africa who might find it agreeable and advantageous to do so, I have no confidence in any proposition which looks to any considerable number of colored Americans going to such country, certainly not enmasse. * * *.

Hillside Cottage, Washington, D. C.

OPPOSED TO AFRICAN

Immigration—For Chairman, Bishop H. M. Turner.

BISHOP A. WALTERS.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I think that the cardinal action of the Convention should be to devise means by which we can arouse public sentiment in our favor, also to serve notice on the outlaws of the South that lynching must stop. I don't think we ought to encourage further intimidation against us by making the impression that we can't live here and must all go to Africa. Such talk only heightens the trouble. Stubborn resistance to coercive immigration, is the thing for us to show.

I favor a limited and not a wholesale immigration exodus to Africa. All who have the will, means, and are physically prepared ought to go to Africa, but I think we injure our cause on this side when we say things that will incite our enemies to make us go. The trouble will be sooner adjusted when the whites are given to understand that we are not to be driven anywhere.

I favor Rt. Rev. H. M. Turner, D. D., for Chairman.

Jersey City, N. J.,

"COON HUNTIN'."

These here nights er kinder frosty,
Silver moonlight streamin' 'round;
Poets use to float their muse on
When that thing,s 'bout run er ground,
That's when me an' Bull an' Rover,
Kinder all three, seems to me,
Gits an idy er coon er 'posspm
Could be seen up eny tree.
An' some night jes' atter supper,
The moon up big like er hoop of cheese,
Mellerin' over all the landscape
Me an' ther dogs er off fur the trees;
Over jes' yon in the sandy bottoms,
An' it jes' appears no time to me
Atter I set them dogs er trailin'
With a loud and coakin' yell; whoopee!
Afore I hear ole Bull er talkin';
Puttin' it fast an' Rover, too;
Then I note 'em a word in answer,
Tell 'em I'm comin' with a loud "halloo!"
An there is a yelpin', whinin',
Er round an' ole oak big an' tall;
It would hev fazed a many er feller,
But the tree don't grow Jim Lee can't crawl,
An' so ups ermong ther branches,
An' away out there er huggin' a limb
sets er trim ole coon, sorter on his haunches,
He is lookin' at me, an' me at him;
Jes a few shakes an' all is over,
An' a monstrous row I hear below,
I swings down an' there is Rover
An' Bull a gloatin' o' their fallen foe.
We take the coon, ther dogs an' me,
An' back home thro, the fields we ben's,
I grips my prize, kinder lif's my eyes,
An' thanks God fur his night an' these frien's.
CHARLES EVANS.

IF THEY ARE COWARDS HERE,

They Will be no Better Off in Africa—No Preference for Chairman.

H. T. JOHNSON, EDITOR "CHRISTIAN RECORDER."

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In answer to your questions touching the Turner Convention, I would say that * * * in the consideration of mob violence in the South, it should be careful to discriminate between the worst and better element of both races. Without saying or doing aught that would send countenance to the idea of race wars in sections where our people are subjected to barbarous treatment, it should be enjoined upon them to sacrifice their lives if needs be in defense of their homes, loved ones and families. If they are too weak and cowardly to die for a principle here, they will be no better off in Africa or elsewhere.

Some plan of reaching and bettering the masses should be settled upon in the convention. The masses are stupidly indifferent to and ignorant of their condition or destiny, while the burden is left to be borne by but comparatively few.

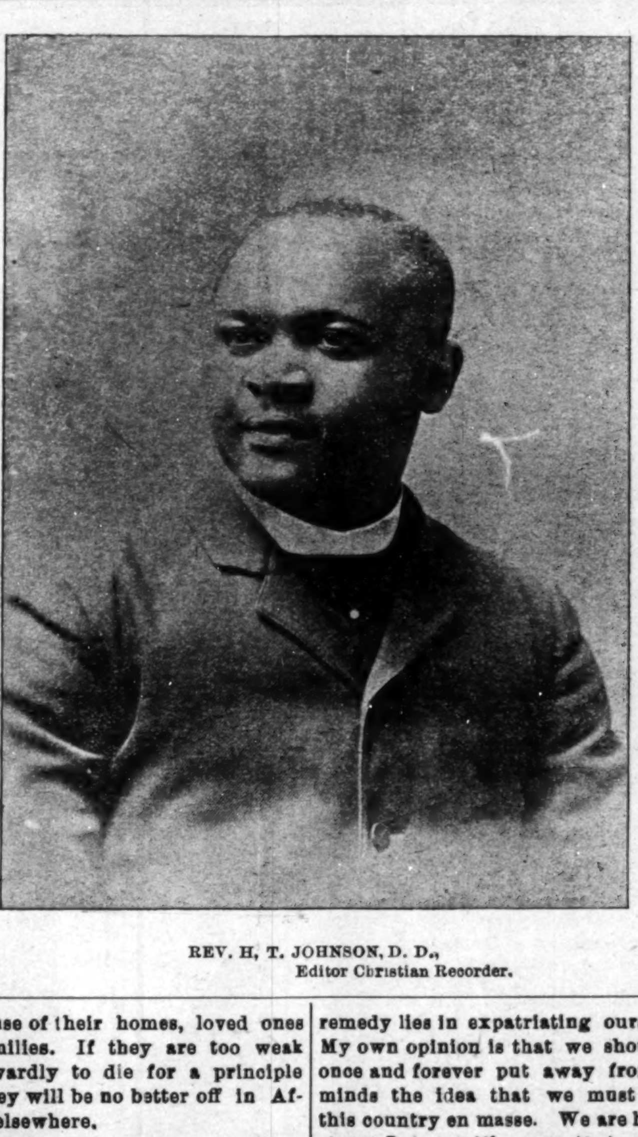
The convention should urge our people to do two things wherever the Jim Crow discrimination prevails against them. They should be advised to never run excursions over such roads and do no more traveling across them than they can help. It should also advise that funds be raised to test the constitutionality of the class legislation behind the injustice in our highest court. It should commend the steps taken in the premises by the race in Kentucky.

It would also be a God-send to the race should the proposed convention urge an awakening on the subject of trades and industrial pursuits, on the part of the younger or coming members of the race. Skilled labor will be the question of tomorrow and the people without it will not count for much. Moreover native-born and foreign whites are coming in for their share, and in order to have any showing at all, the Negro rival must surpass both. The duty of opening business avenues among ourselves cannot be too strongly emphasized by the convention.

The convention cannot and will not advocate a general exodus of the race from the South or wholesale immigration to Africa or anywhere else. What it should and may do is to urge upon those prepared for the step to embrace openings for the betterment of their condition wherever found, whether in Canada, Mexico, Brazil, out East or West or in Africa, if you please just as any other people would do.

Since the sad news of the death of Dr. J. C. Price who was my only choice for the position, I have no special preference for any one as permanent chairman of the convention.

Philadelphia, Pa



REV. H, T. JOHNSON, D. D.,
Editor Christian Recorder.

NOTHING AS TO

Africa—Favors Bishop H. M. Turner for Chairman.

PROF. W. S. SCARBOROUGH.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I should be very glad to comply with your request, but I feel that I might not say anything that will in any way determine the character of a convention that should be unhampered to the extent of taking a broad, liberal view of the situation and then steps to meet the emergency. To me it is a decisive moment and calls for decisive action. There is no time for nonsense or foolishness but the demand is for the best judgment of the cool and level headed.

I should suggest by all means Bishop Turner as the man for permanent Chairman. Wilberforce, O.

HERE TO STAY, THE NEGRO.

Let Us Settle Upon That Conviction—No Choice for Chairman.

REV. C. R. HARRIS, D. D.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

* * * As the call is addressed to friends of "African repatriation or of Negro nationalization elsewhere," and I do not belong to that class of colored American citizens, it would be unbecoming in me to pursue the line indicated.

I deeply deplore the state of public sentiment in the South which permits and encourages the barbarous outrages inflicted upon many of our unoffending brethren in the Southland. I do not believe however that the remedy lies in expatriating ourselves. My own opinion is that we should at once and forever put away from our minds the idea that we must leave this country en masse. We are here to stay. Let us settle upon that conviction and then confer as to the best means of improving our condition here. Salisbury, N. C.

TO LEAVE THIS COUNTRY

"Cowardly and Silly"—Chairman, First Choice, Douglass; Second, Turner.

SENATOR JOHN P. GREEN.

EDITOR OF THE FREEMAN:

Permit me to say that, in my opinion a thorough and manly discussion of our race progress along physical, intellectual, financial social and moral lines, to the end that colored youth in this great land may be stimulated and encouraged to renewed and persistent efforts to reach a higher plain, would be of uncalculable benefit to our race cause.

It would be well too, to emphasize the fact that, the Negro has made a glorious record in this country, both in peace and in war, of which we may all feel prond: and that, if the Negro is the physical, intellectual and moral equal of the white man, here, in America, is the place to show it;—to turn our backs upon this glorious land which we have helped to make and to save, would be not only inconsistent with sound economic principles, but in my opinion, cowardly and silly.

As to your second question; it is my opinion that, if present, Hon. Frederick Douglass should be selected for permanent Chairman: for the reason that, his learning, experience, fame and honor, would call to the proceedings of the convention attention that, otherwise, it would not get.

Next to Mr. Douglass, Bishop Turner should be selected, as he is, by reason of his ability and learning, one of the great lights of our people.

Cleveland, Ohio.

THE NEGRO DELIGHTS IN MAKING A

Heaven for Others and a Hell for Himself—For Chairman, No Choice.

CONGRESSMAN GEO. W. MURRAY.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

* * * Reason and experience have taught me to doubt the wisdom and propriety of all plans for the wholesale deportation of our people. * * *

In decisive battles, great generals use every strategy in their gift or knowledge before ordering a surrentaught only two elements of his strength, his prayer and ballot. The great rulers and controllers of governder or retreat. The Negro has been ment everywhere, whether in the wilds of Africa, England or America, are the men who control the business and wealth of their communities, and we must as a whole occupy the lowest place both in government and society as long as we, unlike all other tribes and nations, content ourselves with using all our labor and patronage to make wealth, business and employment for every nationality but our own. * * *

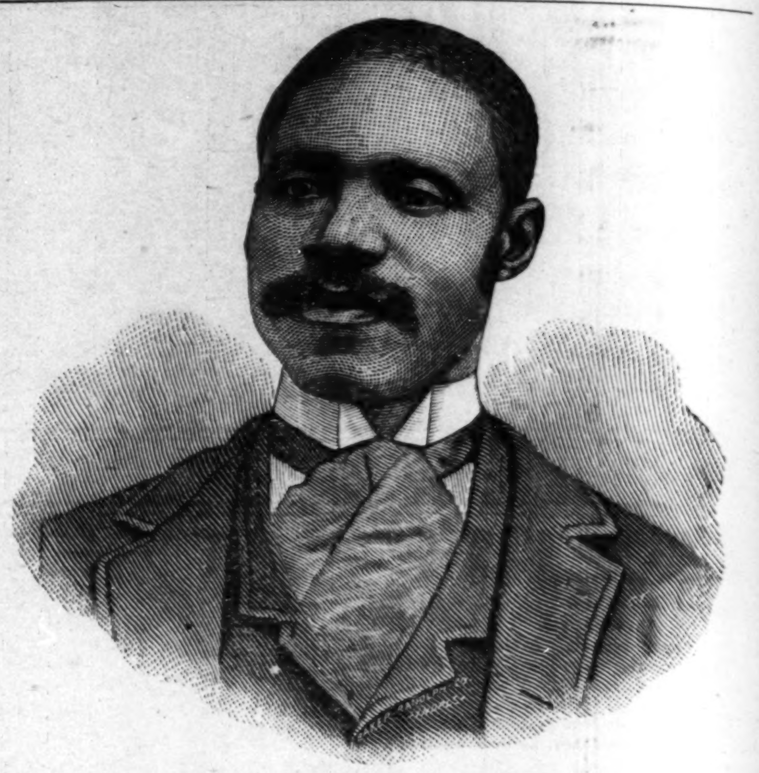
The only problem to be solved is to find a way to instruct the masses in order that they might see their opportunity, and inspire them with confidence enough to use it. Should the Convention address itself to the formulation of plans by which the masses might be instructed to spend every dollar and every days' work possible, even at a small sacrifice, to create business, employment and wealth and all of their resultant influences and power, it would confer the greatest possible blessing on a people suffering more from their own ignorance than the ill treatment of others.

Should it follow such a course, it would mark an event that coming generations would gratefully point back to with as much pride as Britons do that Parliament that gave them Magna Charter, or Americans do that convention which produced the famous Declaration of Independence. But should it get up a utopian scheme of immigration to magnify the hopes of a simple and innocent people, which hopes must inevitably fade away in the school of bitter experience, disappointments and sufferings, as all similar projects have ended, it will be remembered by posterity with execration and contempt, and be pronounced a meeting of enthusiasts and fools or knaves and robbers. * * *

The rule is that the strength of every nationality is in direct proportion to its numbers when compared with other nationalities in the same locality, and our race forms the only exception to it. This exception is caused by nothing but our foolish and suicidal policy of persistently and slavishly using of our labor and patronage to make a heaven, as it were, for every other nationality and hell for ourselves. * * *

In short we possess all the elements of strength to win in this country but intelligence and self-love, which may be very materially increased by proper teaching and example.

Washington, D. C.



HON. GEO. W. MURRY,
Member Congress from South Carolina.

Every Man Should Read This.

If any young, old or middle-aged man suffering from nervous debility, premature decay, lack of vigor and development, varicocele, etc., will write me, I will send him in plain envelope, sealed, FREE, the receipt and full particulars for a genuine, certain cure. Address G B Wright, music dealer, box 1354, Marshall, Mich.

IMMIGRATION IS NOT ALWAYS

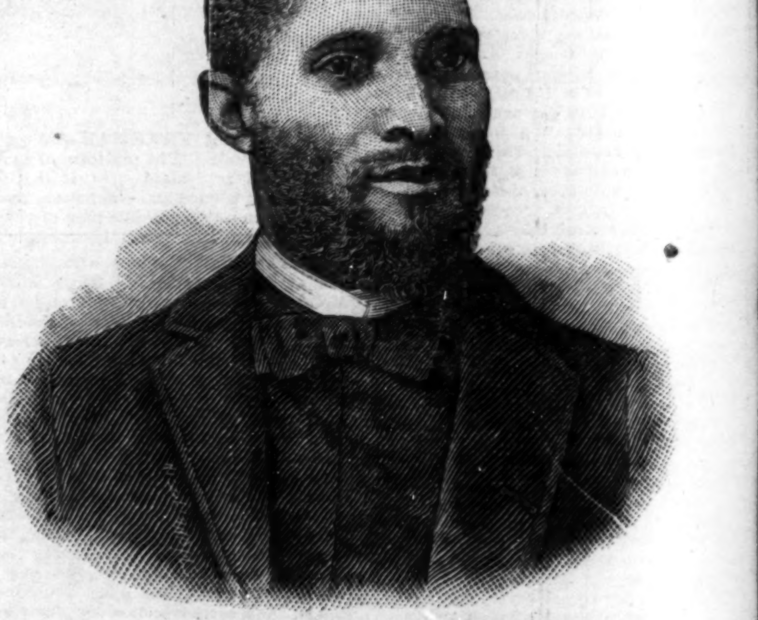
A Folly—Bishop Turner May be Right—Chairman, No Choice.

REV. C. N. GRANDISON, D. D.

EDITOR OF THE FREEMAN:

I notice that since Bishop Turner issued his call for a National convention to discuss our situation in this country, many have taken it in hand to correct the good Bishop, and rushed into print and are zealous in denouncing the idea of immigration to Africa. Without committing myself one way or the other, I simply wish to suggest that it seems to me exceedingly unfair to prejudice the public mind before the convention meets. * * * Immigration is not always a folly, and the advocacy of African immigration, though it seems to us impracticable and impossible, ought not to be considered a crime or serious offense, especially when it is known that the advocate is not influenced by any ulterior designs or sinister motives. * *

What is especially needed is a most thorough, dispassionate and unprejudiced study of all the facts and principals involved. It is not so much a question of what we would like to have, as of the course, under the force of circumstances, we may be compelled to pursue. It is not so much a theory as a condition that confronts us. In the tangled mass of facts and fancies, of prejudices and principles, the truth is somewhere to be found. None more than the Negro needs to know the truth as it relates to him, and when he has ascertained that truth, his highest interests will require that he adjust himself to the truth, and not seek to bend the ruth to his whim, desire or prejudice. Whatever providence decrees our destiny to be, it will be, whether Bishop Turner be right or wrong. Let us seek the truth. "If the truth makes you free, ye shall be free indeed." Wilmington, Del.



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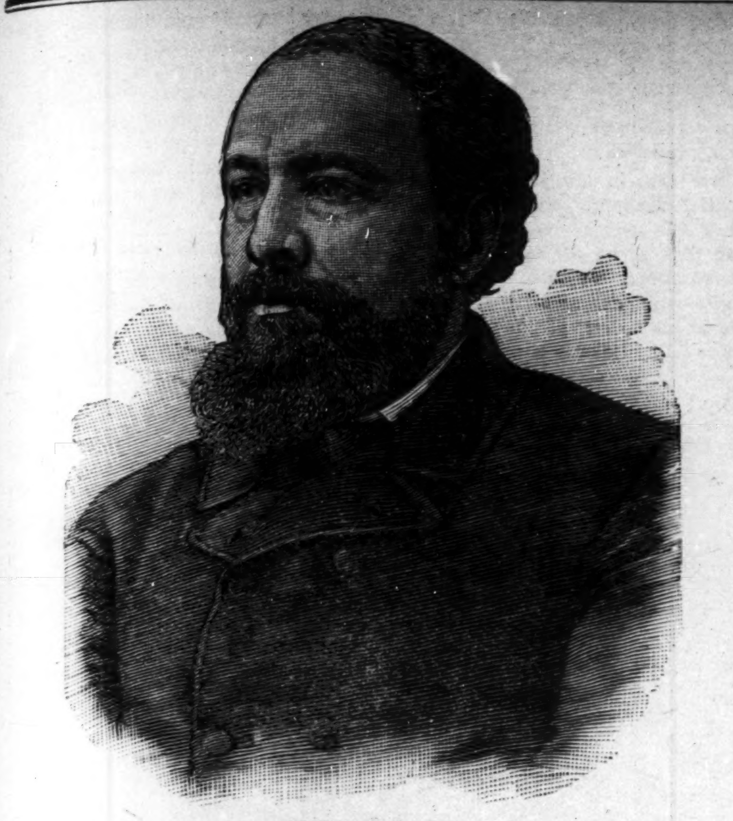


BISHOP B. F. LEE,
A. M. E. Connection.

IF AFRICA IS EDEN,

Why Don't Bishop Turner Go There and Stay?—No Choice for Chairman.

BISHOP B. F. LEE.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I do not believe a proper basis for such convention as the race needs is found in the "call." I do not believe that such call will bring together a body of men whose action will ultimately improve the black man's condition. I regard all excitement to movement in great numbers without a definite point of tendency and a respectable assurance as opposed to the black man's good. What he has is the best, till something better is guaranteed him. It is by no means settled that Africa can improve the condition of the black man of the United States, nor that the said black man can improve Africa. The prime mover in the "call" speaks of the United States as hades and of Africa as Eden; yet even he still holds his residence in hades, only paying Eden a brief visit once a year. When he shall sell out his hadeian holdings and transport his "portables" (as Wemmick would say) to Africa (Eden) the people may believe that it is necessary to meet him in convention to talk about going with him to Africa. As to the matter of the brightest and best of black men going to Africa, it is impossible; this class does not go largely, it must not go largely; we weaker fellows can not spare it.

As to subjects for discussion, they are legion and more; so many that several pages would be required to state them. Among them are: The Nation and its element of black men; the christian religion: does it sanction the present attitude of American churches towards the black man? The black man: is his moral status lower than that of other race, varieties in proportion? The bar of conscience: is the United States white man willing to meet the black man there, the God of the Bible being judge? Has ever any class so peculiarly distinct as the the black man—his color considered—been amended by similar treatment to that accorded the black man by the white man in this country? Are not the immoralities of the black man the exact reflex of the immoralities of the white man? What shall we do to improve our moral conditions and our relations? The church of black men: does it need to revise its methods? Had not the black man better repair from acting in politics? Is it possible for so weak and large a class as the black man to perfect itself surrounded by such brilliant, abundant and elevated models of crime as we have? Would educating the black man make a sage of the white man? Would correcting the black man's morals perfect the white man? Would expatriation of the black man and Africanizing him make the white man able to fellowship him in Africa? If absolute fellowship is impossible is christianity a perfecter of human unity? Are expatriation, assimilation and extermination of the black man exhaustive of christian possibilities in the case; is not real evangelization—evangelization that places not alone the Bible, the ballot and the bar—rum bar—but the best conditions of pleasure, purity and prosperity within the black man's reach, worth a trial?

Philadelphia, Pa.

THE CONVENTION SHOULD

Raise A Fund—Favors Business With Africa.

T. M'CANTS STEWART.

EDITOR OF THE FREEMAN;

I think that the Turner convention would do great good, if it would raise a large fund (not resolve to raise it, but raise it) to prosecute civil actions for damages whenever lynchings occur, to employ detectives to ferret out the leaders of these lynching gangs and to collect such facts for publication as would create a healthy public sentiment against these savage butcheries, and also, to aid the families of those who are left destitute. But said funds should not be applied to cases where rape has been committed.

I do not favor emigration to Africa; but if the convention would organize a company for commercial business with Africa and immediately pay up a capital large enough to put one or two steamers in the trade, great good would would result therefrom.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

OPPOSED TO

African Immigration—For Chairman, No Choice.

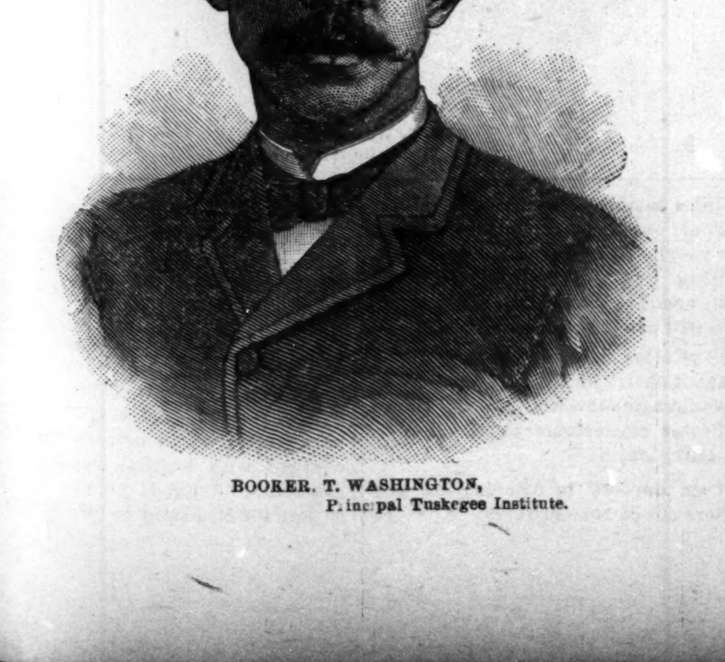
HON. JOHN C. DANCY.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

* * * I have to say, in a brief way, that I think the chief object of consideration at the Convention to be held at Cincinnati should be the best means of remedying the existing ills of which the race now complains, and how best to provide those means. Education and universality of rights should be the cardinal point, religiously urged, as the panacea for present troubles. I am opposed to African immigration, but am free to confess that a scattering of the race throughout the West is a proposed solution, certainly entitled to respect, of the vexed American problem. For my own part I mean to remain in the South and fight as far as I am able the battles of my race.

I have no choice for the chairmanship of the convention. I hope great good may result from it.

Wilmington, N. C.



BOOKER. T. WASHINGTON,
Principal Tuskegee Institute.

HELP ONE ANOTHER.

I never like to see a chap a-mopin' in the race,
'Cause in the game of life he plays he doesn't catch the ace;
But I can always 'preciate the one whose face is bright,
And takes his chances with the rest, and 's glad his load's so light.
There's no sense in growlin' and kickin' all the time
Because your luck is balky, or on the downward climb;
The best way for you to bear it is to hold your head up right,
And bring your shoulder right up close and lift with all your might.

If you should see a neighbor who has trouble and to spare,
And actin's if he didn't have a friend to tell this care,
Just go up, kind a social-like, and smile and take his hand;
Grasp it in that hearty way, so's he'll know just how you stand,
Find out what is troublin' him, and joke and make him feel
That all you've been a sayin' was under friendship's seal.
Don't go to moonin' round him and blind his little light,
But, with your wits about you, just help with all your might.

There's some of joy here below, some trouble mixed with pain,
And should the sorrows all come first, the joys you will retain;
And that's the way God meant it, for, when troubles are gone by,
We all know how to value a bright and smilin' sky.
So stop your frettin' at your luck, just do the best you can;
This, I am sure, you'll always find the better sort of plan.
And be sure to bear in memory when cares obstruct the view,
There are bright days a-comin' when the joys'll come to you!

M. E. H.

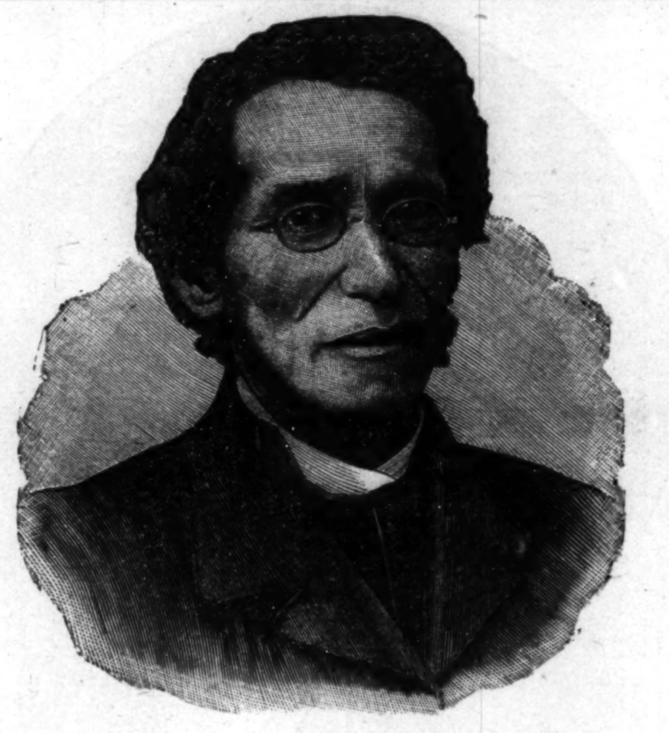
CANNOT ENDORSE

Immigration to Africa—The Race Must Turn to God.

BISHOP D. A. PAYNE.

EDITOR FREEMAN,

DEAR SIR:—In my opinion, the cardinal action of the approaching convention of colored men, in Cincinnati, should be to direct and fix the attention of the race upon the Almighty Father of all the families of the earth—the God of its races and the King of its nations, who has no respect to persons as persons, but to the character of persons; and therefore, no respect to race, but for the character of race.



BISHOP D. A. PAYNE,
A. M. E. Connection.

The Creator of the universe tests races as a wise father tries his sons.

* * * Dominant power was first put into the hands of Ham as a ruler of nations. As long as obedience was given, Divine protection was certain. When he became recreant, his arm was broken and the sceptre put into the hands of Shem. As long as Shem conformed to His will, his throne could not be shaken. As soon as he became rebellious it was overthrown, and the sceptre put into the hands of Japhet, who is now modifiying and coloring human history.

There is no hope for the race in Southern policy. There is none in Northern policy. The race idea binds both North and South with bands of steel, and brings them into practical sympathy with each other. Therefore to God alone can we look for protection, for unity and for perpetuity. He has promised to break the arm of the oppressor and to let the meek inherit the earth. Therefore, let the race get down upon its knees and remain there until God shall answer its enemies into friends.

Emmigration to Africa or anywhere else, I cannot endorse.

Evergreen Cottage, Wilberforce, O.

AFRICAN TALK

Mere Nonsense—Chairmanship a Minor Question.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

* * * If those who compose the Turner Convention shall show themselves able to hide themselves behind a great cause, it will succeed; otherwise, fail. Men cannot exhibit themselves and do the best thing for a great cause at the same time

What should the Convention advise? Let the colored people settle quietly down and get money and property and acquire character and education. Let there be twenty black men in any Southern town worth $1,000,000 and there will be no race question in that town. This talk of any appreciable number of our people going to Africa is the merest nonsense, and it is surprising that it has engaged the attention of serious minded people for a minute. It does no good, but on the other hand does a great deal of harm among the more ignorant of our people, especially in the far South, where some are led to feel that there is a power in the government or somewhere that can move them to Africa or to the West as it sees fit; hence instead of settling down and accumulating property they live from hand to mouth, always expecting to go somewhere They are much like the Adventists who are always expecting the world to be destroyed, and are continually getting rid of their property with the expectation of going to heaven. The Negroes make too little preparation to live here on earth. Let the Convention emphasize the fact that we are to work out our own salvation as other races have, not by mere talk and speech-making, but by earnest work, over-coming prejudice and acquiring the elements of civilization.

The question as to who shall be Chairman of the Convention is a very minor one and should be settled in five minutes. It will be a disgrace if a half day is spent in wrangling as to who shall be the Chairman.

Tuskegee, Ala.

OPPOSED TO THE

Convention—Thinks Money is Urging Turner.

CHRIS. PERRY, EDITOR "PHILA. TRIBUNE."

EDITOR FREEMAN:

* * * From what I have heard of this Convention, it is called to consider the so called "appalling" condition of our people in these United States, and urge them to summon up all the manhood in their make-up and resolve to shake the dust of this prejudiced plagued country from their shoes and hie themselves to the balmy breezes of Africa.

If this is the object the promoter of the said Convention has in view, I am opposed to it. I believe that much of the proscription against us is caused by our moral, intellectual and financial weakness. Those who are so solicitous for Africa's welfare, may be doing a very nice thing in the way of catering to the white man's desire, but in their madness to get the shekels offered, forget they are doing Africa a grave injustice when they seek to unload such a burden upon her.

What our people stand most in need of is less agitators of the Turner stripe, and more earnest men and women who, in a true missionary spirit, will go among our people and labor to improve their morals; teach them to save their earnings, buy their homes, set business projects on foot that will insure work for our youths commensurate with their tastes and talents, build more work shops and fewer churches. A steady advance North, South, East and West on such lines has been made by individuals and promises, when made in a more general way, to cause many of the ills now complained of to melt like snow beneath the rays of the sun.

I am opposed to the Convention. * *

Philadelphia, Pa.

OPPOSED TO IMMIGRATION.

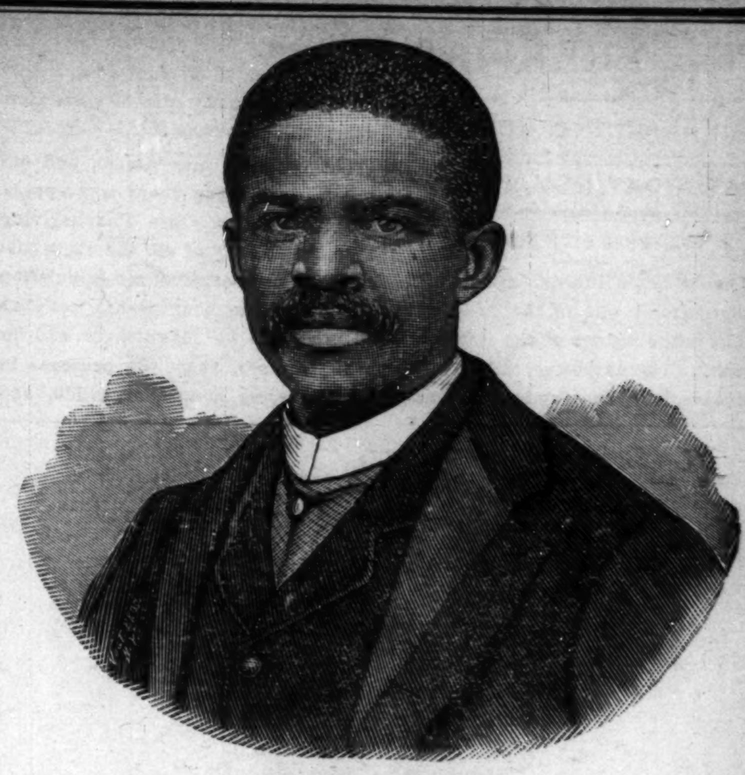
Bishop Turner the Most Available Chairman.

WM. H. STEWARD, EDITOR "AMERICAN BAPTIST."

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In my judgement, the best thing the convention in Cincinnati can do, is to call the attention of the American people to our condition, including the injustice done us and the progress we are making Agitation does good. I am opposed to any immigration scheme to Africa or anywhere else, save as the condition and ability of the immigrant may voluntarily suggest. I have no choice or suggestion to make as to permanent chairman of the convention. Bishop Turner would probably be the most available.

Louisville, Ky.



T. M'CANTS STEWART, ESQ.,
Attorney, member Board of Education, Brooklyn, N. Y.

OPPOSED TO "POOR AND

Ignorant Negroes" Going to Africa—Favors Bishop Turner for Chairman.

REV. T. W. HENDERSON, D. D.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I think the Convention called by Bishop H. M. Turner to meet in Cincinnati, O, the present month can do the cause of our race great good, and I look forward to its meeting with much interest. I well know what conventions among us have amounted to in the past, and know the objections urged against this one, but I also know that it is possible to make this wholly unlike the others; for I believe it will draw together such a class of race thinkers as has not been assembled in the past; such a class of men as will give careful and dignified expression to their best thoughts on the grave questions that affect us as a race. Bishop Turner has earnestly requested the "point of order raiser" to stay away, and if he does not, and we put Bishop Turner in the chair, as I think we will do, he will wish he had.

The men who go to this Convention should all be above the petty nonsense that has ruined about all the other conventions we have had. We must think and act seriously. Our people are being most cruelly murdered all over this land and we must make the American people and the rest of the world understand that it must stop. How to put a stop to these murders should be one of the leading questions considered.

Do I favor African immigration? In a general sense, no. In a limited or class sense, yes. None of the poor or ignorant American Negroes should think of going to Africa, at least 200,000 of the best and ablest should go. No room in Africa for any more poor or ignorant, but lots of room for thousands of such men as will be able to do something after they get there.

Indianapolis, Ind.

OPPOSED TO THE AFRICAN

Scheme—Chairman, Douglass First, Bishop Arnett, Second.

HON. D. P. ROBERTS.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

* * * I desire to say that the cardinal action of the Convention should be to formulate a statement embracing all the just grievances of the race, supplemented by an appeal to the church and press of our country, asking in the name of God and all that is just and right, in the name of a common humanity and in the name of our national constitution and our professed christianity, that we be given a hearing by the American people through the press of the country, and that the pulpit and religious press, in particular, espouse our cause, and that they preach and teach the doctrine of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; and that it is a reproach to our boasted christian civilization, and especially to the christian church, that the colored people of this country, 10,000 000 of as christian, loyal, true and patriotic men and women as can be found of any nationality, should be discriminated against, robbed, degraded, belied, debauched, mobbed, lynched, murdered and burned, all because they are colored and insist on being men and citizens of this common country, whose soil they have watered with their tears and enriched with their blood and whose flag they have defended with their lives. That they teach the people that it is morally wrong to close the shops, factories and avenues leading to the trades, professions and business pursuits to the young colored boys and girls of this country; that it is wrong for the labor organizations to close their doors against the colored laborers and that God will, after all, hold the church, the pulpit and religious press responsible for having failed and refused to create such a condition of public sentiment in this country that would drive these things from our shores.

The Convention having formulated and issued such a statement and appeal, should see to it that a copy of the same was sent to every Bishop, priest, minister, editor, publisher, manufacturer, labor organization, etc., and request of them an opinion respecting this great problem.

As to my choice for permanent Chairman of that Convention, I say first the Hon. Frederick Douglass, and Bishop B. W. Arnett I mention as my second choice. As to the question of immigration to Africa, I will say that I am opposed to anything of the kind on the part of the race in this country.

Boston, Mass.

PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE,

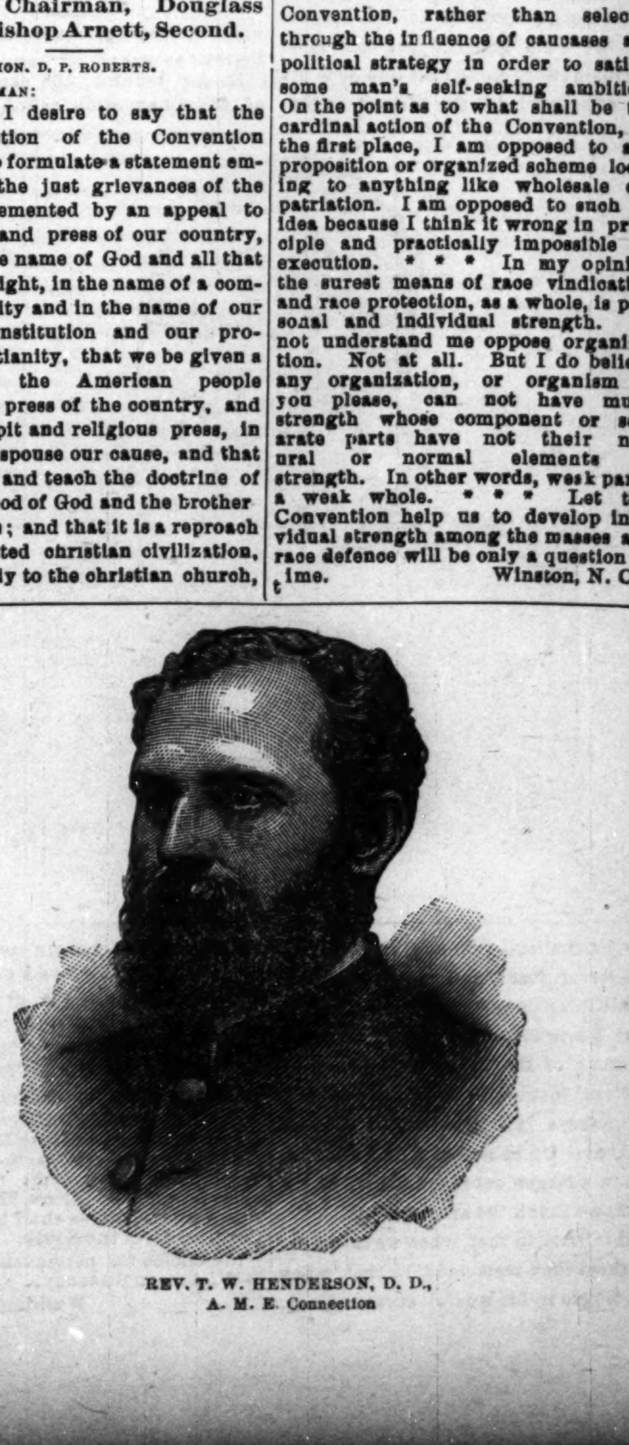
The African Idea—For Chairman, No Choice.

REV. S. G. ATKINS, D. D.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

* * * On the point of permanent Chairman I have no choice; only let him be the deliberate choice of the Convention, rather than selected through the influence of caucases and political strategy in order to satisfy some man's self-seeking ambition. On the point as to what shall be the cardinal action of the Convention, in the first place, I am opposed to any proposition or organized scheme looking to anything like wholesale expatriation. I am opposed to such an idea because I think it wrong in principle and practically impossible of execution. * * * In my opinion the surest means of race vindication and race protection, as a whole, is personal and individual strength. Do not understand me oppose organization. Not at all. But I do believe any organization, or organism if you please, can not have much strength whose component or separate parts have not their natural or normal elements of strength. In other words, weak parts, a weak whole. * * * Let this Convention help us to develop individual strength among the masses and race defence will be only a question of time.

Winston, N. C.



REV. T. W. HENDERSON, D. D.,
A. M. E. Connection

THE FREEMAN,

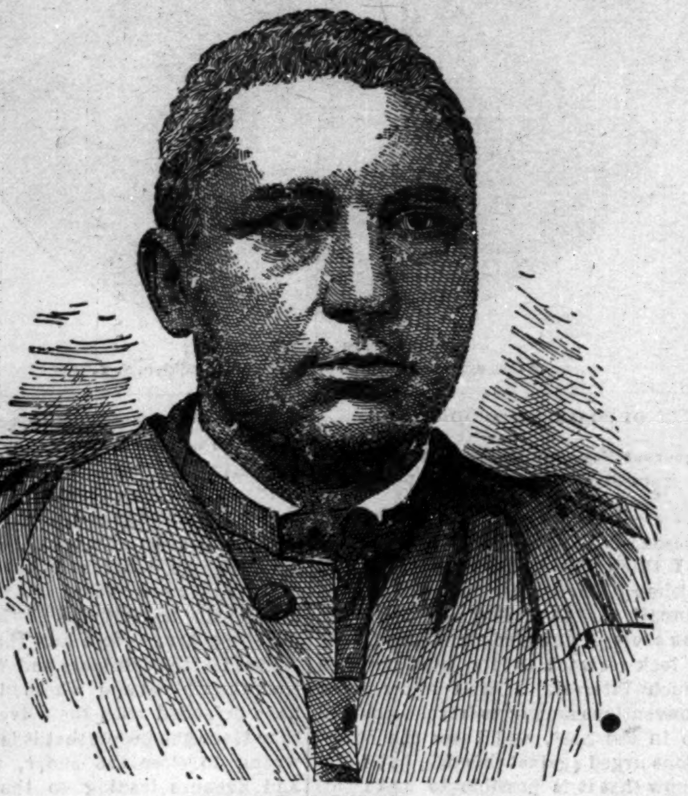
An Illustrated Journal.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25, 1893.

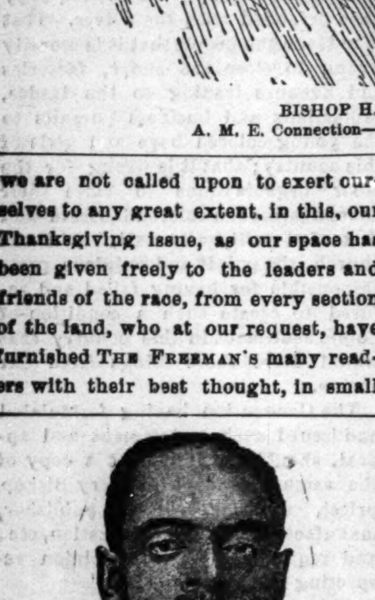
FOR THESE GIVE THANKS.

Thanks to the interest taken in what promises to be one of the noted gatherings in the history of the Negro, the TURNER CONVENTION so called, which convenes next Tuesday in Cincinnati, we are not called upon to exert ourselves to any great extent, in this, our Thanksgiving issue, as our space has been given freely to the leaders and friends of the race, from every section of the land, who at our request, have furnished THE FREEMAN's many readers with their best thought, in small compass, as to what should be the mission of the gathering so soon to convene. It is with a pardonable pride that THE FREEMAN presents this remarkable symposium to its readers and the race generally, as the most complete effort along that line ever before attempted in the history of Negro journalism. Should the convention never meet, and meeting, should it fail to accomplish anything of practical good or effect, these recorded opinions of the brain of the race, on matters touching its vital interest, will have a lasting value for all time to come. On behalf of THE FREEMAN, but in a larger sense on behalf of the race, we thank the special contributors to this issue, in that, when we called upon them they responded, in that, when the Negro in his woeful surroundings, with no star of hope shining before him, needed their advice and wise counsel, they gave him of their store a measure brimming full.

The optimist may dream, and cry peace, peace when there is no peace, nevertheless, on this Thanksgiving time, the Negro of all the races that comprise the cosmopolitan population of our common country, has less than all others to be thankful for, and for nothing more, than the presence in his ranks, as counsellor, guide, and rock in a weary land, these brave spirits, who have spoken for and to him, in this great issue, of the race's greatest journal.



BISHOP H. M. TURNER,
A. M. E. Connection—Caller of the Convention.


W. Calvin Chase.

IMMIGRATION TO AFRICA

Will Not Solve the Negro Problem—For Chairman, No Choice.

HON. GEO. H. JACKSON.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

The cardinal action of the Convention should, in my opinion, be directed toward calling upon good and law-abiding citizens, without regard for political differences, to join with us in insisting upon a suppression of mob law, and all of the train of barbarities inflicted by its sway.

Immigration to Africa will not solve the Negro problem, it will only remove a part of it to Africa. All of the valuable parts of Africa are now being claimed by France, England, Germany, Italy and Portugal, and the Negro there will have the same struggle for existence that he has here in this country, with this difference, that the conflict in Africa will be less restrained in its ferocity.

I have no choice for Chairman.

Cincinnati, O.

THE NEGRO HAS A RIGHT

To the Earth—Opposed to Africa—For Chairman, W. Allison Sweeney.

W. CALVIN CHASE, EDITOR WASHINGTON "BEE."

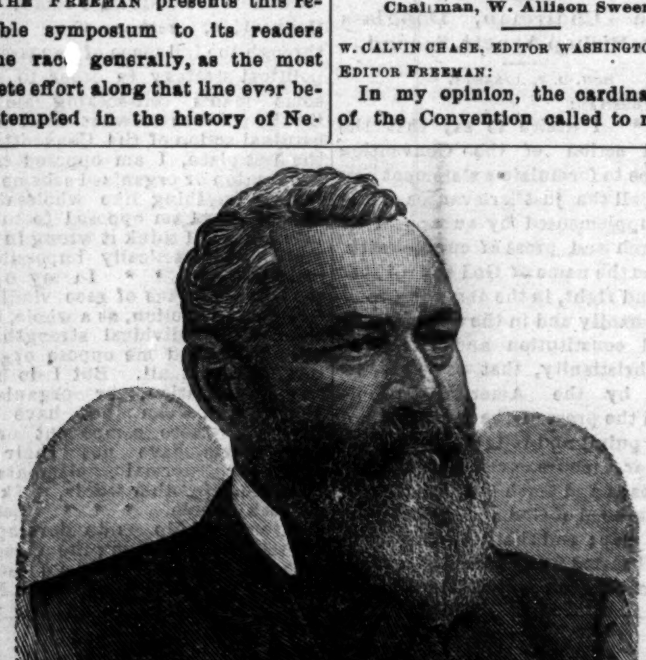
EDITOR FREEMAN:

In my opinion, the cardinal action of the Convention called to meet in Cincinnati, O., known as the Turner Convention, should be a review of the actions of both of the great political parties subsequent to reconstruction, whether it will be more beneficial for the Negro to withdraw from politics and to follow industrial pursuits.

I am opposed to immigration of the Negro to Africa, because God made us all and gave us this earth to inhabit. While he clothed some with a little more power than others, the time will soon come when we shall have a black Cardinal from the South.

My choice for permanent Chairman is W. Allison Sweeney.

Washington, D. C.



EX-GOV. PINCHBACK,
Washington, D. C.

MY MOUNTAIN HOME.

ALBERY WHITMAN.

My home was 'mong the mountains blue,
Close by a friendly stream
Whose mossy banks my childhood knew—
Whose waves were childhood's dream.

Dear winding brook, I knew it well,
Its gurgling waterfall,
And silvery bubbles—none can tell
How oft I think of all!

The old foot-bridge that 'cross it lay,
On which I oft would sit
And watch the shining minnows play,
As they swam under it.

The shady glens in which I'd rove
When bringing up the cows;
And listen to the songs of love
That floated 'mong the boughs!

Back to thy scenes in mem'ry bright,
Dear old log house of yore;
My heart still turns with strange delight,
And I'm at home once more.

SOONER HAVE 10,000,000 AFRICANS

Come Here, Than That We Should Go There—No Choice for Chairman.

BISHOP J. W. HOOD.

EDITOR FREEMAN.

* * * There are possibly two things which the Convention might do to very great effect:

1st.—It might prepare, for publication a careful statement of facts, known to members of Convention, respecting the outrages committed against the race, in different sections; especially those which are evidently the result of prejudice, or perpetrated for the purpose of intimidation; not flaming resolutions, which frequently do more harm than good, but an array of facts so dispassionately stated as to carry conviction of truth. The date and place of the outrage, and character of the victim should be stated. The general impression is that the persons outraged are criminals. It ought to be shown, as it certainly can be, that, in many cases, the offense is influence that one has with his race, or success in business; his enemies are jealous of his prosperity. Let the statement be dispassionate, but full and complete as possible.

2nd.—The Convention might issue an appeal to the President and to the American people. I have great faith in agitation. * *.

The President of the United States might be requested to issue an address based upon the facts gathered by the Convention. President Harrison offered to do this if the facts were collected and presented to him, but the committee to whom he made this offer, failed to present the facts, and he had nothing on which to act. I have no reason to doubt that President Cleveland would express his disapprobation of the outrages perpetrated upon our people if the matter was presented in such form as to convince him of his duty to do so. And it seems to me that the matter is so important that there ought to be no timidity nor backwardness about approaching him. When men want office they go to him. I am very certain that he would give a very much more patient hearing to a delegation who called in the interest of the race, than he would to a delegation who called simply in the interest of someone who wanted an office.

As to who shall preside at the Convention, I have no one to name. What you want is a Chairman, is a man who understands parliamentary usage, and who has natural and executive ability.

As to whether I am in favor of immigration to Africa, I answer emphatically no. I would much sooner have the immigration of ten millions from Central Africa to this country. * * *

New York City.

NOTHING OF AFRICA.

Arouse National Sentiment Against Lynch Law—For Chairman, Douglass.

I. GARLAND PENN.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I think the prime object of the Convention should be to decide upon some means of arousing a national sentiment against lynch-law; a sentiment particularly in the North such as will cripple every interest in this Southland until such lawlessness is put down. The convention will wisely consider any thought of advising the Afro-Americans to reciprocate in any degree as a race the injustice heaped upon them, and may take steps looking to a close and active agitation. The Convention must pay special attention to the "Jim Crow" car, with a strong pull and a pull altogether, to sweep it clean from the face of the earth, or scare to death those who would retain it. Decide upon something tangible.

Mere resolution won't do. Pass your resolution and back it by the dollar, letting the dollar ball begin to roll where the resolutions are passed, and then the race will follow. Lynchlaw and the "Jim Crow" car taken care of, we can feel O K as to our future.

The next best step the Convention can take is to consider and decide to have in 1896 a National Afro-American Exposition; an Exposition showing what the Afro American is worth, what he owns, what he has done, the progress he has made materially, intellectually, etc.

I favor the biggest man of the race for permanent Chairman.—Hon. Frederick Douglass. Lynchburg, Va.

DOES NOT FAVOR IMMIGRATION

To Africa or Anywhere Else—For Chairman, No Choice—Suggests Turner.

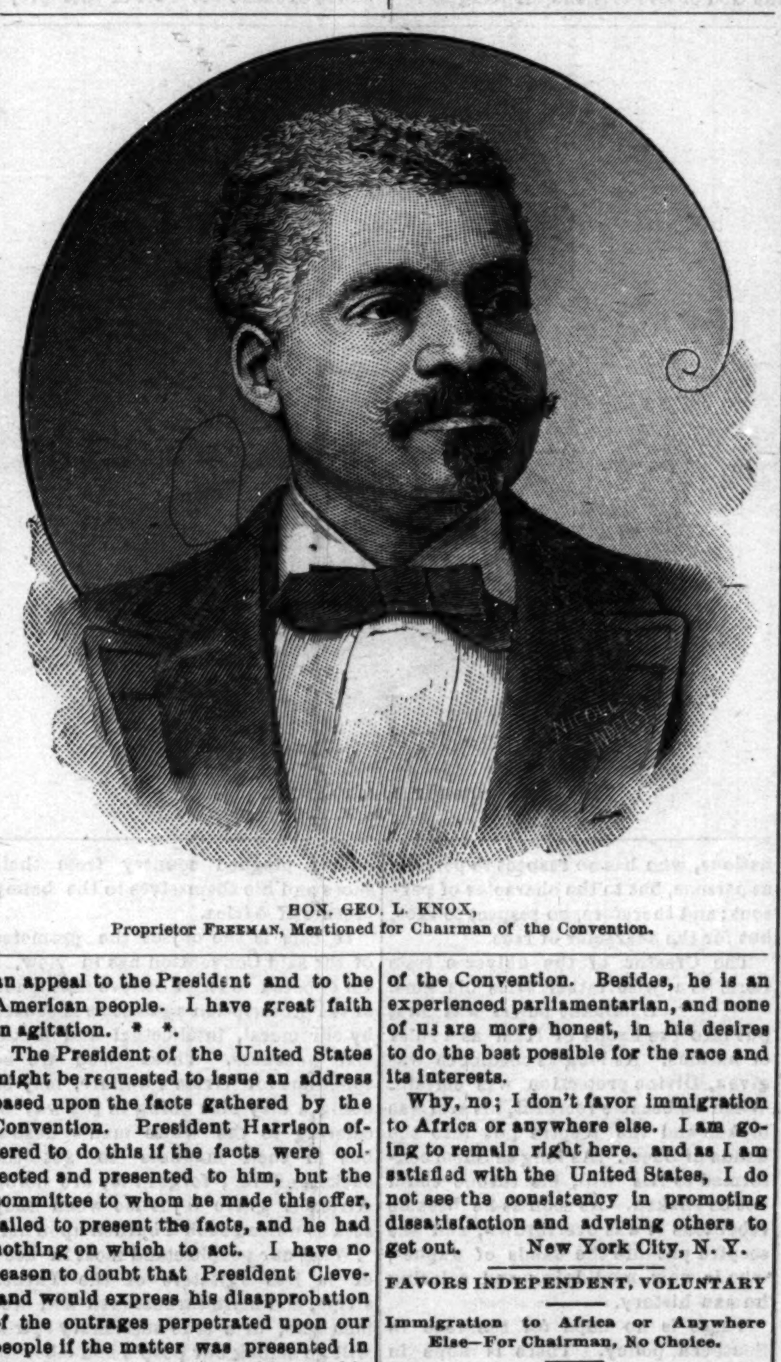
T. THOMAS FORTUNE, EDITOR "THE AGE."

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Bishop Turner has stated in his call what "should be the cardinal action of the Convention" in all matters affecting the race, and I know no good reason for going behind the call.

I have no choice for permanent Chairman, but the proprieties and equities naturally point to Bishop Turner. He knows what he is aiming at better than any one else does, and he ought to be allowed to control, as presiding officer, the deliberations of the Convention. Besides, he is an experienced parliamentarian, and none of us are more honest, in his desires to do the best possible for the race and its interests.

Why, no; I don't favor immigration to Africa or anywhere else. I am going to remain right here, and as I am satisfied with the United States, I do not see the consistency in promoting dissatisfaction and advising others to get out. New York City, N. Y.



HON. GEO. L. KNOX,
Proprietor FREEMAN, Mentioned for Chairman of the Convention.

FAVORS INDEPENDENT, VOLUNTARY

Immigration to Africa or Anywhere Else—For Chairman, No Choice.

EDWIN H. HACKLEY, EDITOR "THE STATESMAN."

EDITOR THE FREEMAN:

In my opinion, the national convention called by Bishop Turner, will have little or no effect upon "the future of the race in America," unless its decisions are bold and radical. To deny that there is any excuse for the nation's lawless persecutions, and to condemn them, is, of course, a necessary part of the action to be taken, but such action will be only an expression of the common sentiment of individuals. I believe that the convention should endeavor to work upon the race, rather than upon the nation. The nation will do nothing. The race can do more than it does. I favor the scattering of the people of the South—to the West, to Mexico, South American, anywhere that favorable opportunity may entice them; not en masse, but voluntarily.

I favor independent, voluntary immigration to Africa, the same as to any other portion of the earth, according to personal choice. Wholesale immigration or deportation is entirely out of the question.

Jim Crow ambition should not be allowed to work itself up prematurely over the chairmanship of the convention. Denver, Colo.

OPPOSED TO COLONIZATION

Anywhere Out of This Country—For Chairman, Hon. John C. Dancy.

BISHOP J. J. MOORE, A. M. E. ZION CONNECTION

EDITOR THE FREEMAN:

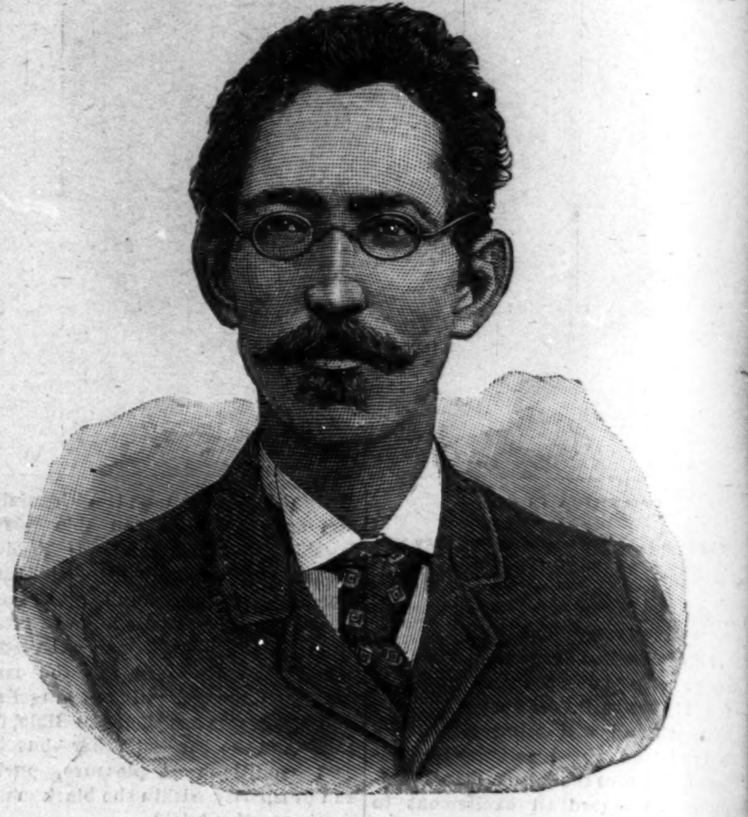
There are, in my judgement, five essential means by which the Negro race in this country can ever hope to reach that plane of social elevation, God intended for man. * * First, religion which puts man in his true relation to his Maker, in love and obedience to Him, "Whose Kingdom is over all and His dominion from generation to generation."

Second, is the great moral code:—Deity printed in burning letters on Sinai. These two cardinal means of human elevation have been my study as an accredited religious leader of my race for over sixty years, hence I recommend them. Third, education! Education that develops the power of thought, matures the judgement, and quickens the understanding, the education that developes art and science and accumulates literature, that contrives and conducts renumerative secular business. Forth, wealth! It is indispensible to human elevation or social power * * necessary to human comfort, convenience, independence and happiness. Fifth, * * Unity! Disintegration will paralize the social strength and stability of any community of men or race. * *

The question as to what are the cardinal means by which our Afro-American may be elevated to the proper plan of true manhood, * * is the important one. How shall we induce the masses of our people to take hold of those essential or only means of improving the races' social condition. * * In order to arouse our people to a proper sense of the importance * * to acquire these five essentials, * * it becomes, first the duty of our religious leaders * * to unite in the power of the pulpit, in bringing before our people the necessity of their aquisition of these five essential elements. * * I think, if the convention can suggest a practicle plan to bring into action a combination of efforts on the part of our leaders * * to arouse our people to action unitedly in acquiring the essentials necessary to their common elevation; the convention will have done a grand work.

In relation to the selection of a permanent chairman for the convention, I would name the Hon. J. C. Dancy, collector of customs at the port of Wilmington, N. C.

I am opposed to colonization anywhere out of this country. * * Let us stay in the United States until God says, come up higher. If we want to seperate from the white communities let us have set apart by the goverment some of the millions of acres of land unoccupied, let us go on them carrying into them religion, education, industry, arts, science, race unity and confidence. * * Baltimore, Md.



T. THOMAS FORTUNE,
Editor "New York Age."

Every Man Should Read This.

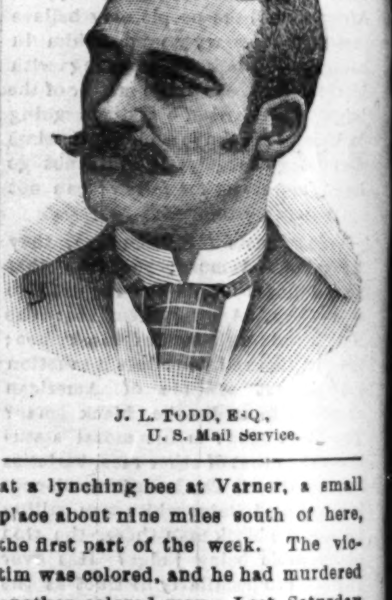
If any young, old or middle-aged man suffering from nervous debility, premature decay, lack of vigor and development, varicocele, etc., will write me, I will send him in plain envelope, sealed, FREE, the receipt and full particulars for a genuine, certain cure. Address G B Wright, music dealer, box 1854, Marshall, Mich.

Colored Men Helped to Lynch.

Toronto, Ark, Special.

A lot of colored people participated at a lynching bee at Varner, a small place about nine miles south of here, the first part of the week. The victim was colored, and he had murdered another colored man. Last Saturday Deputy Sheriff R. A. Johnson, (colored) chained a white woman and colored man together. The result is he gets a "lay off" to go "duck shooting." Rev. H D Brown is with us again.

Lindsay Miable is with us again. Good time Friday and Saturday nights at the festival at the residence of Mrs. M Henley. Mr. M. Crawford is making improvments on his new place. Two of the sons of Mr. Citizen Blackburn were arrested several days ago, charged with burning Jesse Berry's gin-house. Judge Houseman is ready to vote for McKinley in '96.



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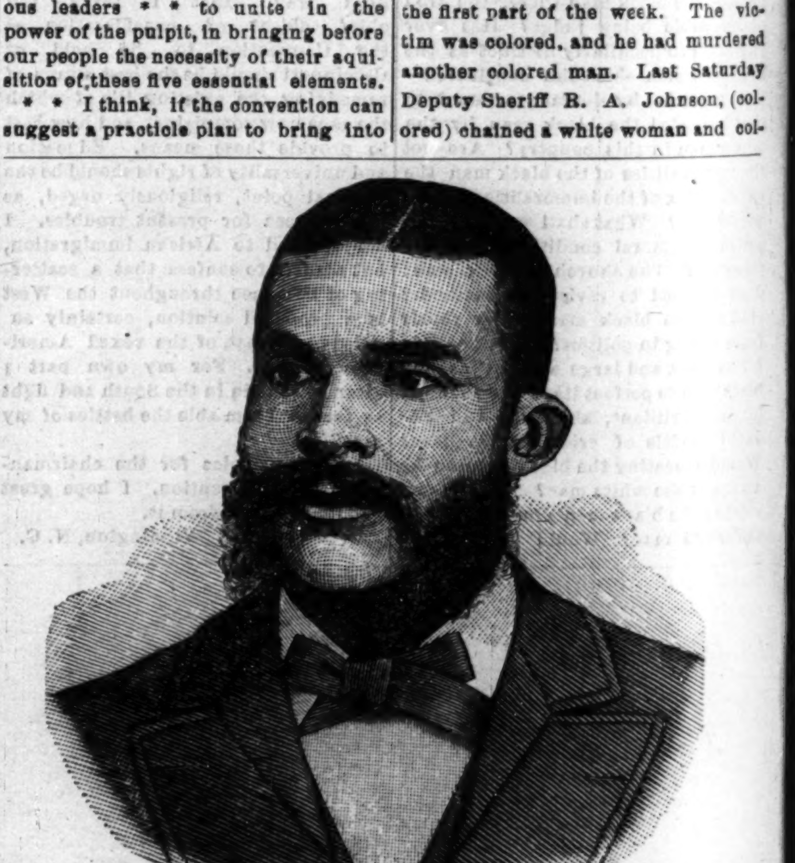

REV. J. W. CARR, D. D.,
Baptist Connection.

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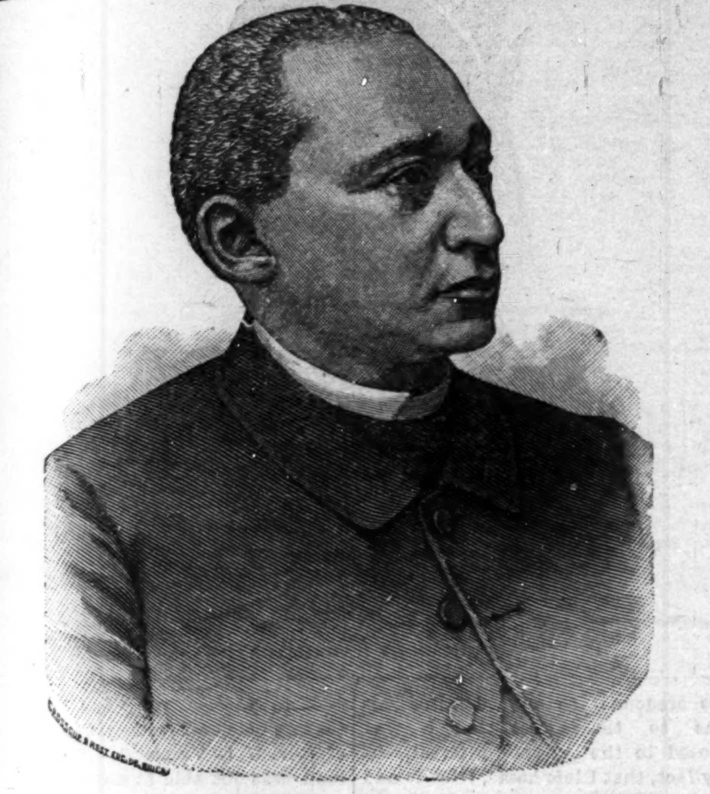


BISHOP B. W. ARNETT,
A. M. E. Connection, Mentioned for Chairman of the Convention.

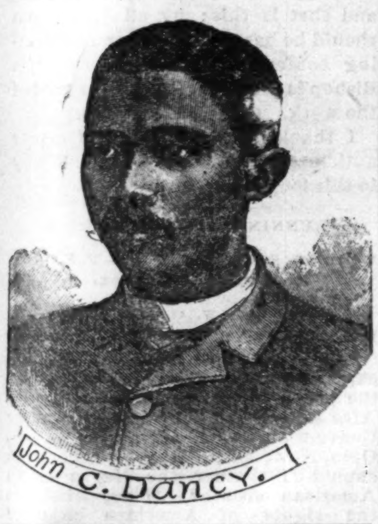
AFRICAN IMMIGRATION

Not to be Thought of—For Chairman, W. Allison Sweeney.

J. L. TODD, ESQ.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Would say, first, that inasmuch as the constitution of the United States provides (on paper) for the protection of every citizen, of whatever race and color, in the full and complete recognition, possession and exercise of all civil and political rights, it would seem that the only thing to be done, is to shape the deliberations of the convention in such form as to commend the proceedings to the thoughtful consideration of the National Congress. In other words, an address or memorial should be framed and put before Congress. If such a thing is possible, the Convention should select one or more of our most prominent Negroes to lay the matter before Congress in person. Hundreds of Negroes in all parts of the Southland are to-day numbered with the silent dead, as a result of mob violence, whose souls were as clear of crime as the purest Divine messenger.



John C. Dancy.

More than twenty-five years ago we were made citizens, and as such, we ask only that protection which is common to American citizens. While not in favor of special legislation, I believe our previous condition presents some special wants, e. g., if the law with respect to the rights of the Negro, or any other citizen cannot be enforced, it ought to be repealed. If it cannot be repealed, it ought to be enforced. This should be made the "land of the free and the home of the brave" in reality.

In reference to immigration, it should not be thought of. This is rightfully the home of the Negro, let him be treated like all other individuals—when he commits crime, let the prosecution be through due process of law; when he votes, let that vote be counted as cast, everywhere. In conclusion, if the Negro sees that he is being used as a man, if his efforts to be and become a factor in this great commonwealth are appreciated, the result and conditions twenty years hence will be startling.

Third and lastly, no time should be lost in selecting W. Allison Sweeney, Esq., as Chairman of the Convention.

Cleveland, O.

MOST EMPHATICALLY

Protests Against African Talk—For Chairman, No Choice.

REV. J. W. CARR, D. D., BAPTIST CONNECTION.

EDITOR OF THE FREEMAN:

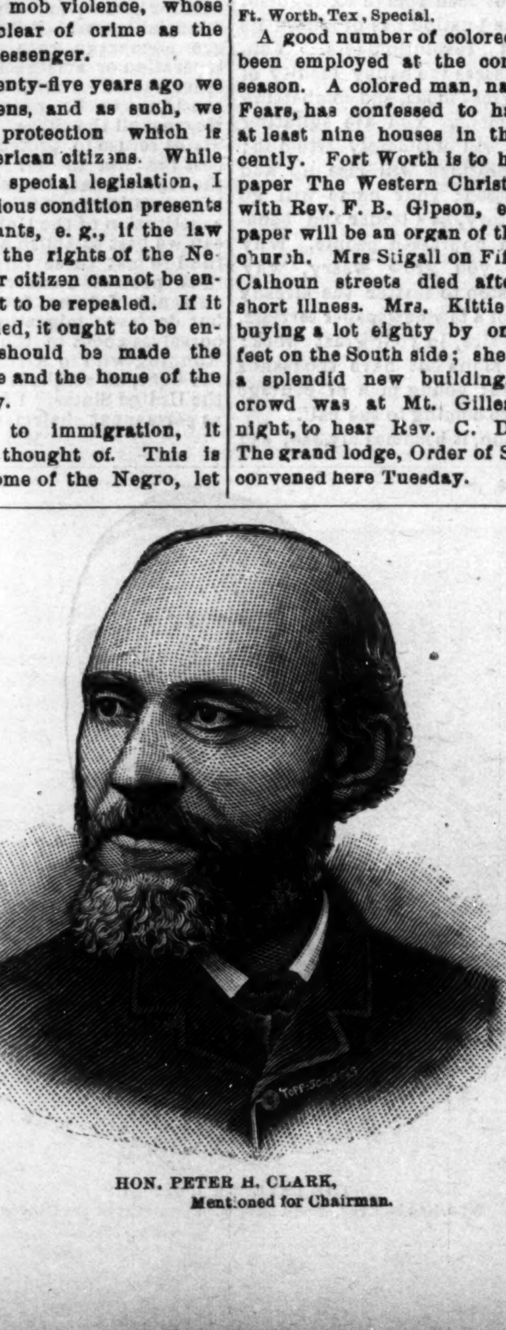
* * I would say that the environment of the Negro of this country, and especially in the South, and the barbarity to which he is almost daily subjected, signals the unmistakable necessity for such a convention. * * Said convention should not have political significance but should be composed of representative men, who are not seeking notoriety. * * In the multitude of council there is wisdom, we hope that the convention will decide as to what is the proper thing to do, but we emphatically protest against the idea of immigration to Africa, to Canada, Mexico or any where else. We are legitimate American citizens, and we are not responsible for being here. * * When we take our departure from this world to the fair clime of eternal bliss, we shall go from some portion of the United States. If you retrospectively observe, * * you will find that the wealth of the South was secured by the labor of our enslaved parents, this if nothing else entitles us to stay here.

Indianapolis, Ind.

A New Paper.

Ft. Worth, Tex, Special.

A good number of colored men have been employed at the compress this season. A colored man, named Frank Fears, has confessed to have burned at least nine houses in the city, recently. Fort Worth is to have a new paper The Western Christian Index, with Rev. F. B. Gipson, editor. The paper will be an organ of the C. M. E. church. Mrs Stigall on Fifteenth and Calhoun streets died after a very short illness. Mrs. Kittie Collins is buying a lot eighty by one hundred feet on the South side; she has on it a splendid new building. A good crowd was at Mt. Gillead Sunday night, to hear Rev. C. D Hughes. The grand lodge, Order of Seven Stars convened here Tuesday.



HON. PETER H. CLARK,
Mentioned for Chairman.

TRIOLETS.

STELLA WEILER.

There are only two tragedies in life—not getting what we want, and getting it. The last is the worse.—Oscar Wilde in "Lady Windermere's fan."

FRED.

I've married Madge, though I loved Jeannette—
But she was false and Madge is true.
Away with this passionate, vain regret!
I've married Madge, though I loved Jeannette—
Aye loved her well—and I love her yet!
Oh, why were her eyes so sweetly blue?
I've married Madge, though I loved Jeannette;
But she was false—dear Madge is true!

JEANNETTE.

I'm Cyril's wife, and I flouted Fred—
Poor Fred, who worshiped me all in vain!
For Cyril had won my heart instead;
I married Cyril and flouted Fred.
Strange, facination's so quickly fled!
Would I had Fred's dear love again!
I'm Cyril's wife, and I flouted Fred—
Poor Fred, who worshiped me all in vain!

Hamilton, O.

EVERY MAN SHOULD USE

His Own Judgment Relative to Africa—For Chairman, Bishop Turner.

JOHN MITCHELL, JR., EDITOR "THE PLANET"

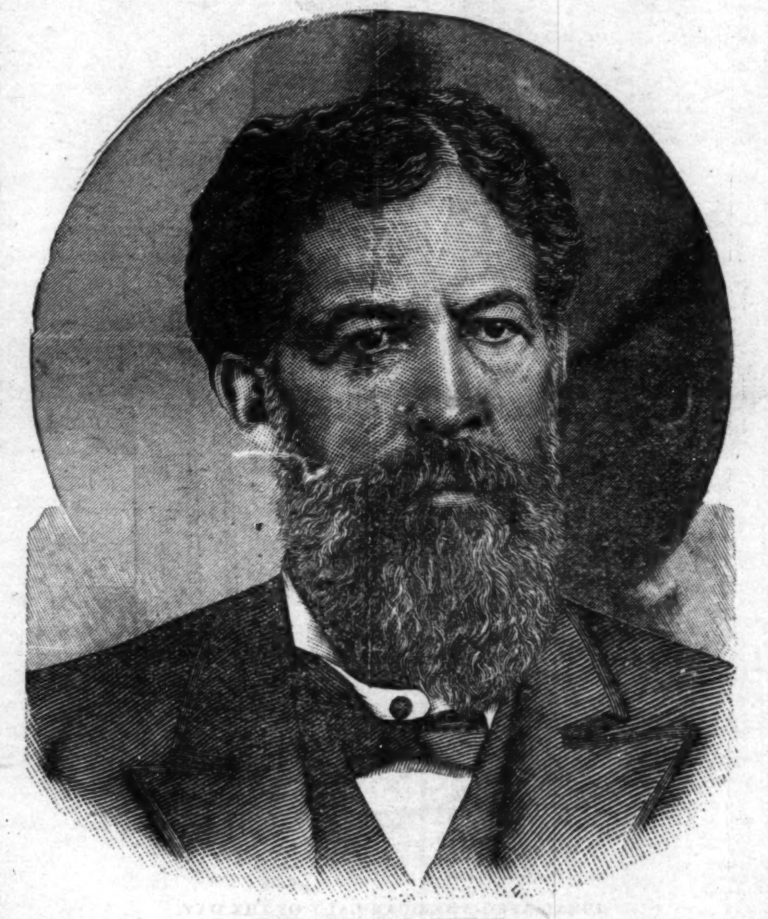
EDITOR THE FREEMAN:

I am of the opinion that the convention of representative Afro-Americans to assemble at Cincinnati, Nov. 28, 1893 should be unsparing in its denunciation of mob and lynch law in the South in particular and all forms of anarchy in the country in general.

The primary object of the convention as I regard it is to create public sentiment in our favor, not to cause a feeling against us

It is therefore essential that eternal right principles from the basis of our appeal and irresistable logic the ground work of our arguments.

Further than this I have no hope. Our success rests upon our ability to work and agitate. Material progress, industrial success, and heartfelt oratory based upon an appeal to the nation's conscience will accomplish wonders and tend to elevate us to our proper place among the more advanced races of the world.



HON. JOHN M. LANGSTON,
Ex-Minister to Hayti, Washington, D. C.

The selection of permanent chairman is a matter of less than secondary consideration. Almost any good man will do. The honor should be conferred upon Bishop H. M. Turner unanimously, if he will have it. * * * My position upon immigration to Africa is to well known to need comment here. I believe that every man should be allowed to use his individual judgemont,—go if he desire. We propose to stay right here. * * * We can spare twenty thousand of the eight million of our people. * * *

Richmond, Va.

JUDICIOUS IMMIGRATION

From Lynch-Infested Districts Indorsed—For Chairman, Hon. Peter H. Clark.

IDA B. WELLS, EDITOR "CHICAGO CONSERVATOR."

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In the light of the two articles in current Forum on the American Negro by "Bill Arp" and Bishop Haygood, both of them citizens of Georgia, it seems eminently fit and proper that another distinguished Georgian should busy himself to offset the damaging and misleading statements therein contained.

Bishop Turner's council for Nov. 28th is the proper medium through which this can be done, and the first duty should be to give the lie in plain uncompromising language to the Forum articles. Proof that they are lies can and should be forthcoming, and if the council effected no other result, that must be a far-reaching one, and one absolutely necessary to race honor and integrity.

Second, the Convention should decide that judicious emigration from lynch-infested districts is best.

Third, I do not know who will be present at this Convention save the one who issues the call, and therefore cannot say who should be Chairman. I take it that Bishop Turner wishes and ought to be on the floor to discuss the questions propounded and therefore would not care to be Chairman. If I could have my choice for Chairman of the meeting, I would name Peter H. Clark.

Fourth, I do most emphatically favor immigration to Africa for all those who wish and are able to go.

Chicago, Ill.

OPPOSED TO

Immigration—Funds Should be Raised—For Chairman, Milton M. Holland.

HON. WM. H. CLIFFORD.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In connection with the Turner Convention to be held in Cincinnati, I desire to say that I am most emphatically opposed to immigration.

I believe that the fact should be impressed upon the colored people of the United States that this is their home, and they must firmly maintain their inalienable right to stay here.

I think plans should be matured for the raising of funds to be used for the purpose of avenging their manifold wrongs in courts of justice, and also for the publication and distribution of literature that shall the more strongly impress upon them the importance of uniting and together working out their own salvation.

I would suggest the name of Milton M. Holland for permanent Chairman.

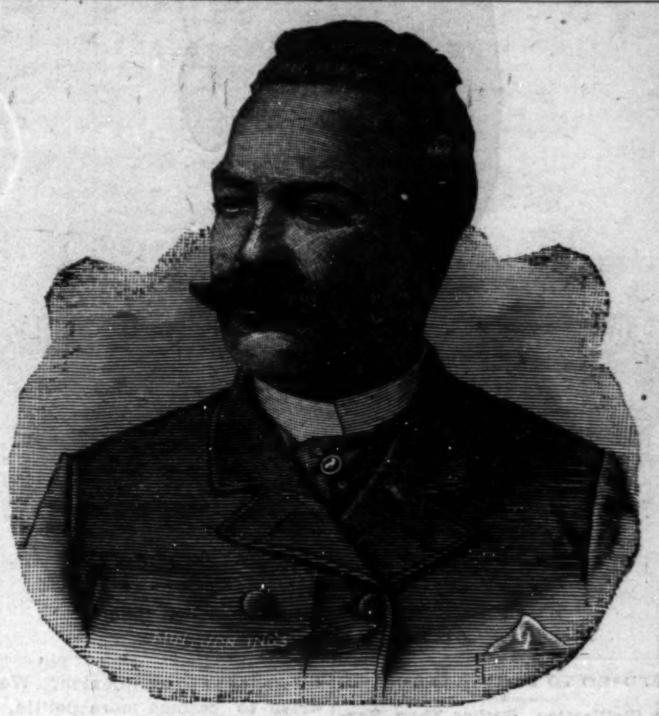
Cleveland, O.

The Fisk Normal.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.

Mr. Felix A. Bryan returned to the city last week; entered Fisk University. The Tennessee Warblers left for Louisville, Friday 10th. Mrs Emma L. Pugsley, wife of L. E. Pugsley, the proprietor and manager of the Tennessee Warblers, died Saturday 4th. Madame Bessie Fort Smith, the colored female clarionet blower, gave a sucessful entertainment Wednesday night, November 15th, at Jackson street Congregational church. Miss Willa Mc Broome is quite sick. Miss Johnetta Terry a member of the Senior Normal is convalescing. Rev. Moreland, formerly of Washington, D. C, has charge of the Knowles street Congregational church.

The Y. M. C. A. closed its week of prayer with six conversions. W. H. Mason, who was called home a few days ago, on account of the death of his father at Knoxville, returned on the 18 inst. Mr. Daniels, the bass singer of the famons Tennessee Warblers, was defeated in a contest with Mr. J. W. Johnson, of Georgia. The students of History and Public Opinion club meets on Friday of each week at Young & Crosswait's office. Social La Grande has organized for their Christmas soiree. The B. O. L, young ladies' club, has made preparation for a big "show." The Apollo quartette (double) lives again. The Shakespearean club of Meig's high school will produce "Julius Ceasar." Messrs. Wiley and Webber, two promising young men who have been admitted to the bar in this state to practice law, are now completing their college courses at Fisk University. "Oh! that Fisk Normal class of '94; It's the finest in the country." This is the sentiment of the young men who attended the entertainment Friday evening Nov. 17th, at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Pickette, on Robertson street. You can receive The Freeman for 5c a week delivered at your door. W. Atlas Cocolough.



W. ALLISON SWEENEY,
Editor The Freeman, Mentioned for Chairman of the Convention.

Sudden Death.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Dr. Chas. A. Sewell has removed his office to 128 A street near Ninth. A. W. Wright spent two days down on his farm in Centerville, Ga., last week. In a few days Messrs. H. N. Willis and L. W. Henderson will introduce in this city a Basket Factory and at first will employ about fifteen hands. Wm. H Green died suddenly last Saturday morning; he leaves a wife and three children. Miss Naucissa Johnson is in the city; she will enter the Montgomery Ave. school. The Eighth Ward Republican club met Thursday, night, Nov, 23rd.

Thirty Years in the Pen.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Don't fail to read The Freeman today it is a beauty. Miss Hagger Hawkins has returned to Indianapolis. Mrs. Mary Moore died last Saturday night at the Louisville medical college. Her death was the result of an operation. Albert Jackson was arrested Saturday night charged with grand larceny. The family of Phil Evans, of Bardstown, Ky., have moved to the city. George McCall and Will Smith two noted pocket-book snatchers, confessed to their guilt last Saturday and was given thirty years a piece in the pen.

Wedding Bells.

Bonham, Tex., Special.

George R. Weathersby to Miss Rosa Steward, and C. E. Thompson to Miss Lula Shelly. A surprise was tendered Miss Lewis, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, Wednesday evening. We think Stone and Johnson, our real estate dealers, made a "big hit" when they bought the 5¼ acres in the East end. Read The Freeman. It can be found at A. H. Tyson & Co.'s grocery store every Saturday morning. Tyson thinks it has no equal in the United States and does all he can for the paper.

The New Preacher.

Jackson, Tenn., Special.

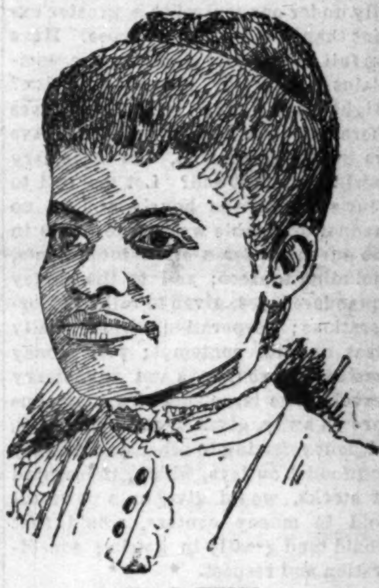
Miss Bell Moore left on the 12th inst. Miss Nannie Miller and children are in Toronto, Canada Grand entertainment by the ladies of Liberty C. M. E. church, Friday and Saturday nights last. Rev. C. S Day is up again. Mrs. Mahaly Cousin is convalescing. Rev Phinnie is the new preacher for the A. M. E. church. Mrs. Albert Jones left last Sunday for Canton, Miss. Mrs. Katie McNeese left last Sunday for Cairo. Entertainment and concert given at St. Paul church last Friday night, by the Jubilee Singers of Lane Inst.

STABBED HIM

Three Times—Jealousy the Cause—The Victim May Recover.

Austin, Tex., Special.

Guss Laton and wife lost their baby, Tuesday, it was buried Wednesday afternoon. Walter Wilson was severly stabbed three times by Willis Gibbs, Sunday night. Once on the left side of the head almost to the bone and twice in the right side near the heart. It is not known whether the stabbing was done with a dirk or what. It appears that Gibbs had been going with Nettie Reed for sometime and on last Sunday night she accepted the company of Wilson to the Wesley Chapel M. E church. He called for her at the appointed time and accompanied her there and on returning after church when but a few steps from the church Gibbs ran up by the side of Wilson and stabbed him and fled. Wilson fell when first stabbed, and while trying to get up, Gibbs stabbed him twice in the side and made good his escape, but gave himself up the next morning, he is now out on bail. Wilson lost a great deal of blood and asked for help. Drs. Stevens and Davis were sent for and waited on him that night; Dr. Stevens is still waiting on him. Wilson's recovery seemed very doubtful that night, but it is believed that he will soon recover. They are both young men, about 20 years of age The Avenue Hotel closed Wednesday night and left several waiters and cooks in the lurch. Prof. Blackshear, of the city high school has been very busy this week examining teachers. Mrs. Tom White has opened a school for little girls and boys and young ladies, at Gregorytown near William Test's store S. Tregenant and Miss Mary Abbircromby arrived last Saturday night from Ft. Worth to attend Tillotson again.



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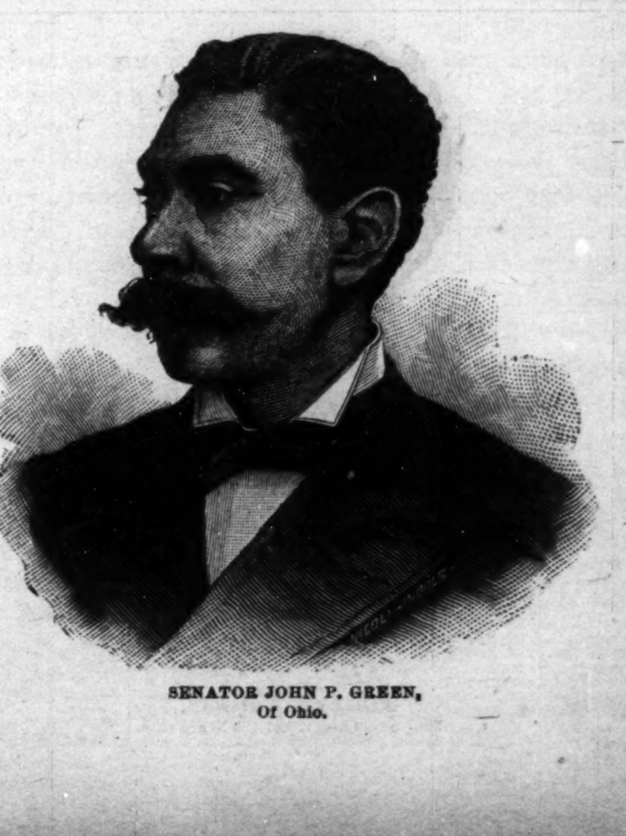
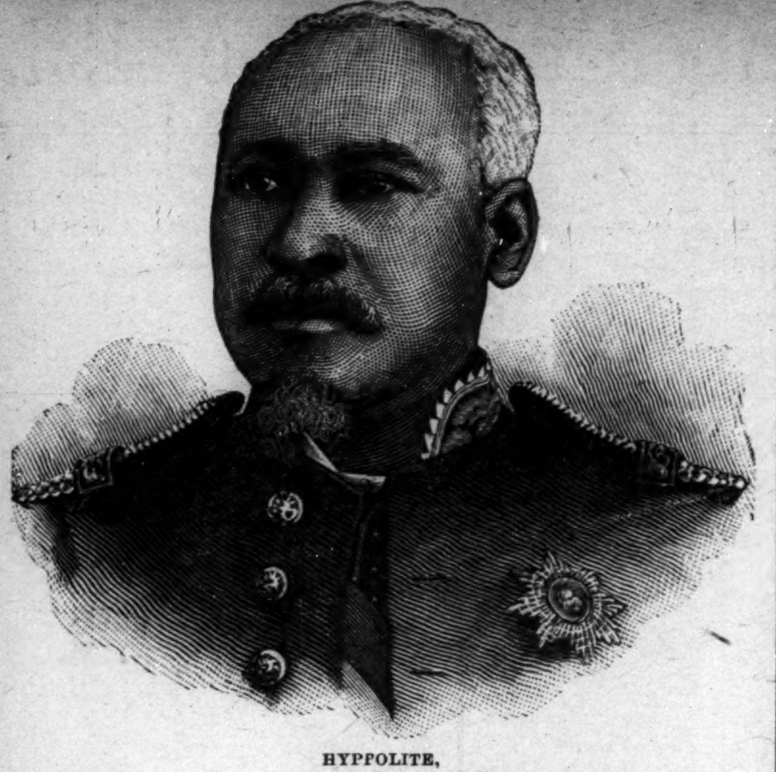


SENATOR JOHN P. GREEN,
Of Ohio.



HYPPOLITE,
President of the Republic of Haiti.

OPPOSED TO IMMIGRATION.

Prefers Civilization, Rather Than Barbarism—For Chairman, No Choice.

HON. GEO. T. DOWNING.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

* * * I am an American in spirit and desire; I never gazed upon the benighted continent of Africa. * * I prefer contact with an advancing civilization rather than barbarity. *

* Africa may be the place for missionaries to go; we need them at home. * * * Aside from the impractical character of the suggestion, I am not in favor of agitating whether the colored American shall go to Africa. * *

I desire to bear the name of my native land, to share with my fellowmen not only it, but everything else that is strong and enobling. I am a Colored American; one to the manor born; a Colored American, because the sun, centuries ago, shone upon some of my ancestry, resulting in making me colored.

As to our condition in our country, it is deplorable, sadly so; but it is happily under our control to a greater extent than some of us suppose. Have we full and perfect right in our complaint as to our present condition? Might we not have relieved ourselves therefrom to a certain extent? Have we made reasonable, the necessary sacrifices to that end? Let me call to your attention the hourly and in no manner creditable waste true of us in the purchase, for use, of intoxicants, including tobacco; and to the money squandered, yes, given to railroad corporations; corporationa which daily treat us with contempt; yes, money wasted for excursions and unnecessary travel. The large sum of money thus thrown away, given to our oppressors, without referring to other unnecessary and foolish outlays, which, if invested in stocks, would give us a powerful hold in money centers, a hold that would tend greatly in getting consideration and respect. * * *

Have we properly utilized the political, and other forces which have been available? Were we not shamefully indifferent in the days when the abolitionists were risking their lives in advocating our cause? Did we give them proper sympathy and support? Have we wisely used the Republican and Democratic parties? Is it politic for us to a man, and without proper consideration, to adhere to or antagonize these great political forces? Neither have been true or devoted to the colored man's interest. Should we not have considered free from prejudice, how we might most profitably within the last twenty years, have influenced and used both of these parties? They are susceptible; they can be be influenced through honorable means on our part to do what we have a right to ask them to do. We should keep in mind that they act mainly from policy. We must affiliate with them on all possible and proper occasions, seemingly at least losing sight of any difference as to complexion. We must strive to become more politic, more practical, to become better educated in in this and all other respects. We must pay more attention to culture and refinement; we must have care as to our morals; we must study to win respect as well as to obtain it through political parties. I hope I have kept within the lines of your request, as to matters that may engage the "Turner Convention. Newport, R. I.

SHOULD DO

Something Practical—No Choice for Chairman.

HON. A. D. STRAKER.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

* * * The cardinal action of the Convention should be to do something practical. Since in the wrongs done our people, in the South, no redress can be found in the courts, none in the national government, nothing remains but an appeal to the conscience of the American people everywhere. This high tribunal destroyed slavery in the end; it can obliterate its effects forever.

How this appeal shall be made most effective is the practical question. Let there be a series of public meetings held from now on until the next national election. Let the Afro-American citizen and voter have a distinct issue, viz: Repeal of the Tucker bill and appropriate legislation for the protection of the ballot box and the purity of elections. Announce to every candidate, in every state, for election to Congress, that he cannot secure the suffrage of the colored voters, unless he pledges himself to these reforms Indeed, let us have a National platform upon which we must compel our candidates to stand, in connection with the National platform

My choice for Chairman I cannot make at this distance. I hope the good work of The Freeman will be justly recognized at the Convention. * * *. Detriot, Mich.

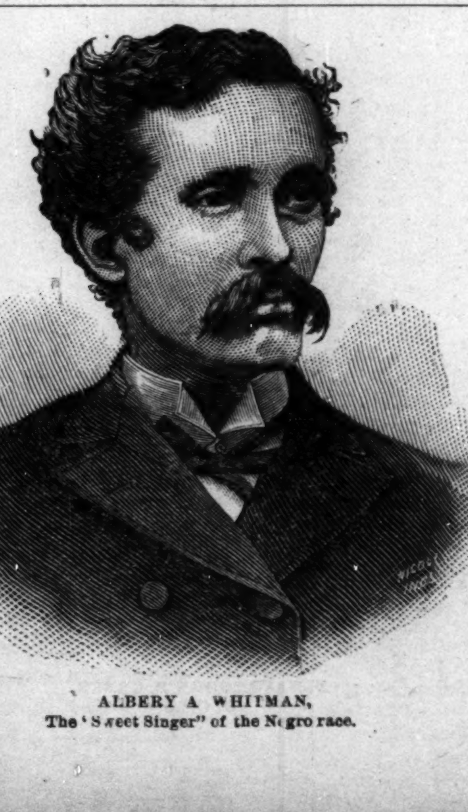
SEES NO GOOD

In the Convention—For Chairman Bishop Turner.

BISHOP B. T. TANNER.

EDITOR FREEMAN;

I see no possible good in the Turner convention, as you are pleased to characterise it. As a people we are in the unhappy condition of being over much talked to and talked about. What we most need is a severe letting alone; and so give us time to attend to matters first at hand, such as the accumulation of means, the betterment of our homes, and the cultivation of better and stronger characters. If those who really want to go to Africa, would only go and stay, one step in the right direction would at least be taken. Bishop Turner, of course, should be chairman of his own convention. I say this in answer to your question. Philadelphia, Pa



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IN AUTUMN.

In the west the day is dying,
Dying,
And the leafless trees
Tremble to the sad wind's sighing,
Sighing;
And the scattered leaves are flying,
Blown across the leas.

Softly is the brooklet flowing,
Flowing,
Through the meadows brown;
On the hilltops kine are lowing,
Lowing,
And the sunset lights are glowing—
Night is coming down.

And still Evening comes to lend her.
Lend her,
Twilight from afar;
And all through the gloaming tender,
Tender,
Glowing with her silver splendor,
Smiles the Evening Star.

W. H. FIELD.

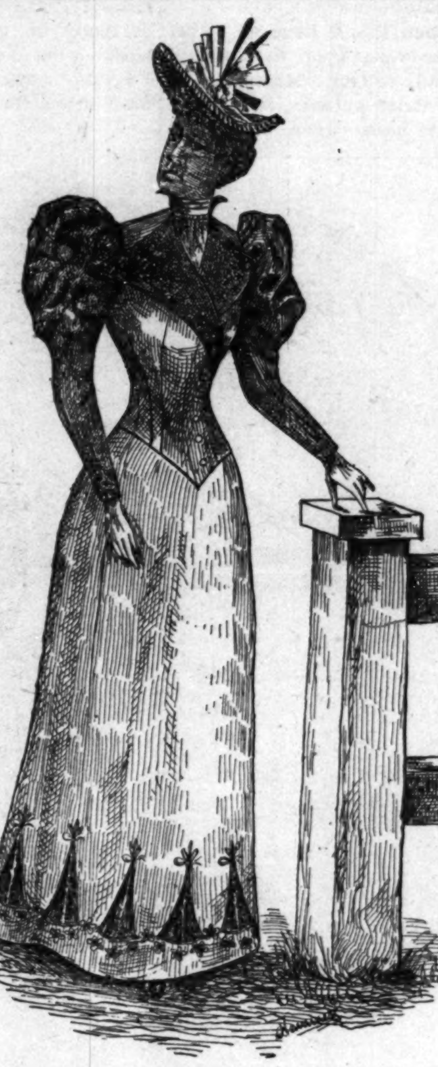
UNALTERABLY OPPOSED

To African Immigration—For Chairman, W. Allison Sweeney.

C. H SHOTWELL, EDITOR "BEE FREE SPEECH."

EDITOR OF THE FREEMAN:

MY DEAR SIR:—Replying to your letter of October 21st, concerning the action of the Turner convention to be held at Cincinnati, O., November 28th, I will state, inasmuch as the lynchers are invited to attend and participate in the deliberations of the convention, they should be given an impartial hearing. The delegates should then pledge each other their fortunes, their lives and their sacred honor, to inculcate in the hearts of the Negro race of the United States, the principles of resentment and adjourn. Moses said: "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." Christ said: "I came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it," thus endorsing the law of Moses. The Caucasion race are chivalrous and despise a cowardly individual or race. A majority of the American people will applaud when the Negro begins to defend himself. Were I a delegate I would vote for the competent editor of The Freeman for permanent chairman. I am unalterably opposed to the immigration to Africa or any other uncivilized country. Were I a member of the convention, I would offer a resolution pledging each delegate to instruct the Negroes of their respective states to remain in the United States of America until God said, "Come up higher." Our ancestors assisted in the discovery, development, liberation and salvation of this country, and no set of individuals, race or nationality have a better natural, legal, moral or religious right to stay here. Chicago, Ill.



IDEAL AFRO-AMERICAN LADY OF THE DAY.

MIGRATION

A Matter of Personal Choice—For Chairman Bishop Turner.

EX GOVERNOR PINCHBACK.

EDITOR FREEMAN;

Your favor of the 21st, inst, received. Replying to the inquiries made therein, I answer: In a government such as ours public opinion is the court of last resort.

With the Federal constitution and laws nullified in a large section of the Republic, and the State governments in that section criminally indifferent to the welfare of the people who are to be represented in the Cincinnati Convention its cardinal action should be a truthful, strong and full presentation to the American people of the grievances of their constituents and a dignified and manly appeal for a redress of these grievances.

Bishop Henry M. Turner, being the originator of the Convention the fitness of things naturally suggest that he should be its permanent Chairman.

I am in favor of everybody going to Africa who desires to do so. * * *

Washington, D C.

AN OPEN LETTER

To Bishop H. M. Turner by Rev. A. L. Ridgel A. B.

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE W. C., AFRICA.
OCT., 18, 1893.

DEAR BISHOP TURNER:

I write you this open letter, to disabuse your mind, concerning the faulse accusations heaped upon me by some envious person, I know not who, I have written no letters of an abusive character concerning Africa, to the public press of America or any other country upon the face of the Globe. I have always favored intelligent emigration to Africa. I am more impressed with the value and general suitableness of the country than ever since coming here myself. However I certainly oppose the wholesale deportation scheme with my whole soul, and shall not fail to warn our people against it. As you will know, Bishop, this is no country for fools, paupers and invalids. You struck the keynote in the able paper you read before the African Congress, of the World's Fair, at Chicago, when you mentioned or named the class of people that should come to this country.

There never was a more inviting field for healthy, industrious and economising Negroes than Africa; the land is rich; luscious fruits grow in a superabundance and the climate is rapidly becoming more congenial. Just here however, I do not wish to deceive any one, for at best the African climate is dangerous. Sir, you are aware of the fact, that everything tends to show that Africa is cooling off. White men and women no longer linger behind on account of the dreadful death record of this much coveted country, but come here in large numbers with a determination to live, and they do live with few exceptions. Not long since the chief justice of this colony, brought his handsome bride, all the way from London to make this their future home.

I wish to say just here, and I do hope to awaken some interest upon this subject, that, unless the Afro-American embraces the many flattering opportunities to acquire wealth and opulence, these opportunities will be seized by the greedy Anglo-Saxon, to the great disadvantage of the Negro and Africa as Europe and America will be under the complete control of the white man. The English, French, Germans, Spanish and Belgians are continually extending their borders despite the opposition of contending natives, many of whom loose their lives in the defense of their country. Foreign powers are destined to possess the last acre of the African Continent excepting Liberia, and by no means is that deserving little Republic safe from the coming catastophe, for already, lion-like France is invading the rightful territory of this, the only Negro Republic on this continent.

English, France and Germany have hundreds of explorers, trading companies and traveling armies penetrating the very heart of the country. They have gained possession of the great gold coast and will soon have Sofola, Uganda and other equally valuable sections of the continent.

If white men are induced to leave, native land and come here in search of wealth, why should the Negro linger behind in the march, when he has so much to gain in the event of conquest.

I have always been a friend to African emigration upon an intelligent basis; I have incurred the displeasure of not a few, on account of the outspoken manner that I have adapted in defense the African cause. I am surprised to know that you gave credence to any floating reports to the effect that I was opposed to the African interest, the very fact, that I left home, friends and two dear children, to come here and labor for the church and race, should have been a sufficient gaurantee as to the unreasonableness of such allegations as have been alleged against me in America. My first letter to the Christion Recorder, after arriving here, should have convinced you, Dear Bishop, that I was not the man to do such an unwarrantable thing as the matter under consideration.

I sympathize with my poor race, that is being butchered so unmercifully at the hands of the dominant races. Any Negro that would indorse the American prejudice and diabolical treatment towards the inoffensive Negro, is a human brute and should find no place among the race.

God Almighty will curse the American Continent for her sins unless she repents speedily. The innocent blood of thousands of murdered Negroes that crieth for vengence will not be in vain. God will, ere long vindicate the right and the innocent. "His mill may grind slowly, but it grindeth surely and exceedingly fine."

But the Negro must exert some more manhood, some racial interest; he must make some attempt to alleviate his own condition. To my mind nothing is better than a gradual dispersion to the different divisions of the Globe.

I have just read your article that was published in more than two hundred American papers, I regard it as being an unanswerable argument in defense of the American Negro. Few Negroes have the moral courage to review such startling facts and advance such pertinent ideas in the face of such lynch demons as those who have forever cursed the South. That you are opposed is not at all strange; great men have always been houded after by the small and simple.

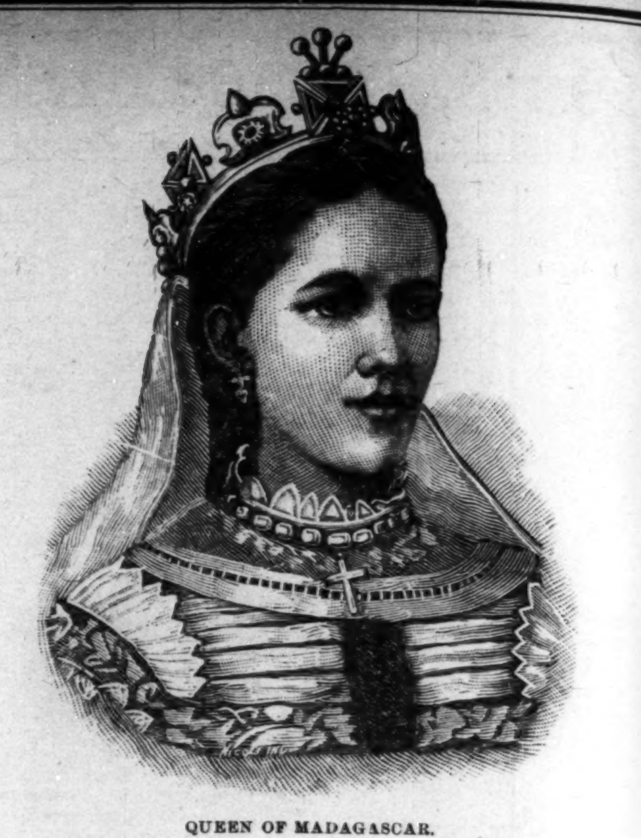
Who was more opposed than Paul, Ignatius, Ambrose, Chrysostom, Athanasius, Polycarp, Luther, Wesley and others; yet they lit a torch that ages have not been able to extinguish. Every age and nation has produced its heroes and revolutionizers. You, Dear Sir, possess the happy faculty of advancing great ideas, and combatting strong argument. You are agitating a cause that will ultimately triumph; coming generations will rise up and call you blessed; your name will go down in history, as a leader and benefactor of an oppressed people. Why Sir, should you grow weary, why should you stop to scatter the already broken jaw of a few newspaper terriers. Go on noble sire, in your great work; you are not alone but have thousands of supporters; young men of courage and brain are coming to the call.

Dear Bishop, it becomes my sad, sad task to inform you, and the many readers of The Freeman, of the death of Rev. L. L. Vreeland. Elder Vreeland was not able to do anything on his work. That demon, African fever, seized him shortly after his arrival, driving him into a state of insanity, then complicated itself into several death-dealing forms, which rendered life a misery to our sainted brother. This will be sad news to the church at home. Those acquainted with the history of Brother Vreeland should write a proper eulogy to his life and not treat him as our dear Brother Leda was treated, who also sacrificed his life in behalf of our African work.

The African soil is growing rich from the flesh and bones of our religious heroes. It seems that Liberia especially has a death-dealing appetite for American ministers. But we must not become discouraged. Our banner must wave all through Africa. Brother Vreeland's successor should be appointed at once, for the district is suffering for want of general supervision.

Now, dear sir, I close this open letter by making one special request, and that is this: by all means you should be here to hold our forthcoming conference. The presence of a Bishop is indispensable for the good of the work. Come at all events.

I thank you, Mr. editor, for your anticipated favor in giving publicity to this long letter.



QUEEN OF MADAGASCAR.

RUNNING WILD TO AFRICA

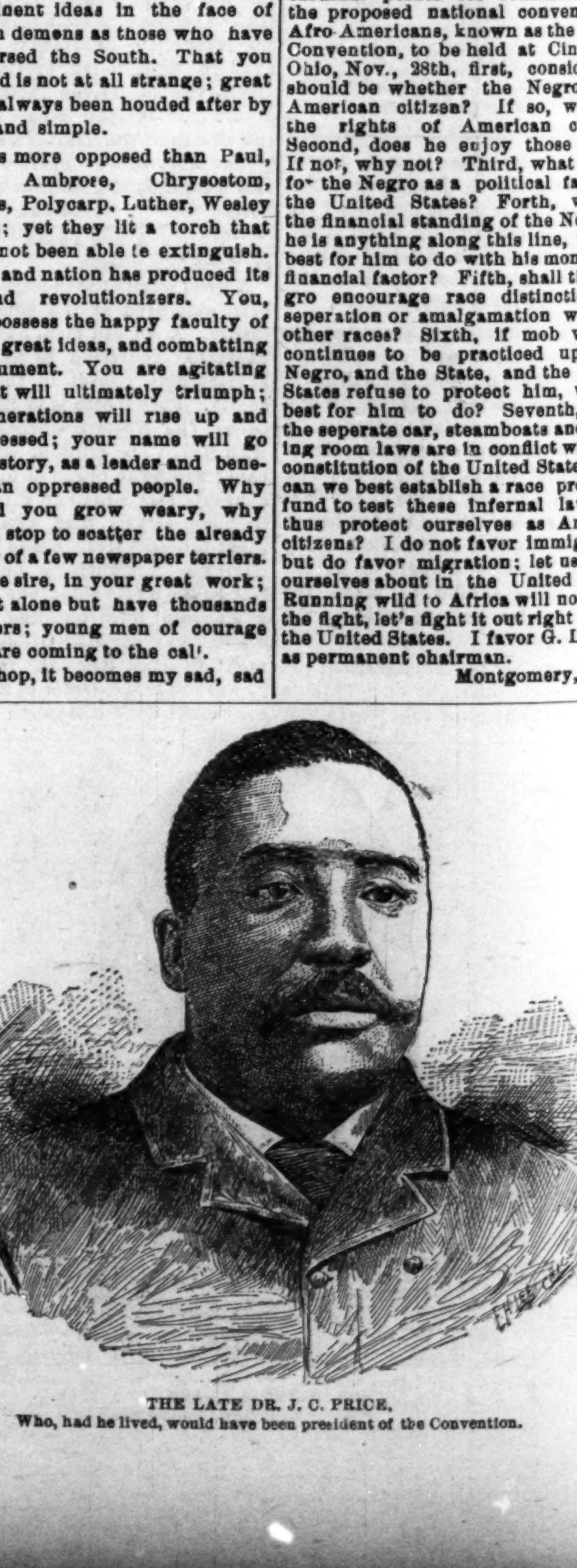
Will Not Settle the Fight—For Chairman, Geo. L. Knox.

REV. JOHN W. ALSTORK, D. D.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

* * * As to what should be the cardinal points for consideration in the proposed national convention of Afro-Americans, known as the Turner Convention, to be held at Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov., 28th, first, consideration should be whether the Negro is an American citizen? If so, what are the rights of American citizens? Second, does he enjoy those rights? If not, why not? Third, what is best for the Negro as a political factor in the United States? Forth, what is the financial standing of the Negro, if he is anything along this line, what is best for him to do with his money as a financial factor? Fifth, shall the Negro encourage race distinction and seperation or amalgamation with the other races? Sixth, if mob violence continues to be practiced upon the Negro, and the State, and the United States refuse to protect him, what is best for him to do? Seventh, since the seperate car, steamboats and waiting room laws are in conflict with the constitution of the United States; how can we best establish a race protective fund to test these infernal laws and thus protect ourselves as American citizens? I do not favor immigration, but do favor migration; let us scatter ourselves about in the United States. Running wild to Africa will not settle the fight, let's fight it out right here in the United States. I favor G. L. Knox as permanent chairman.

Montgomery, Ala.



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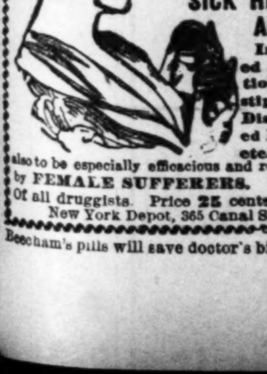

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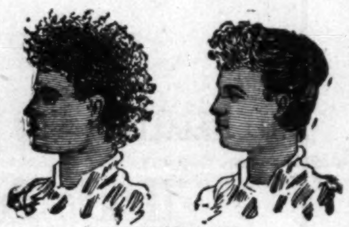

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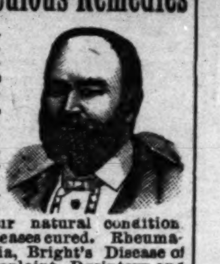

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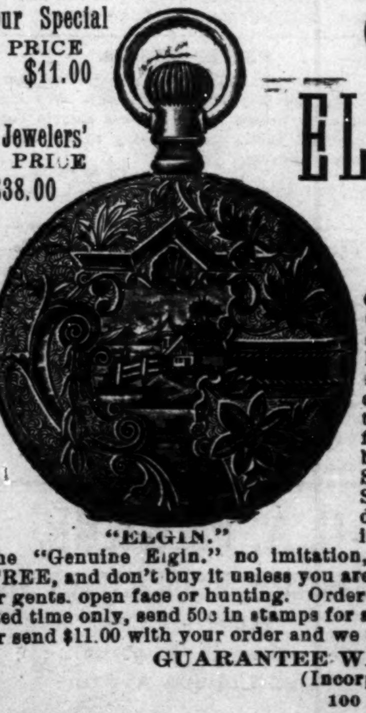

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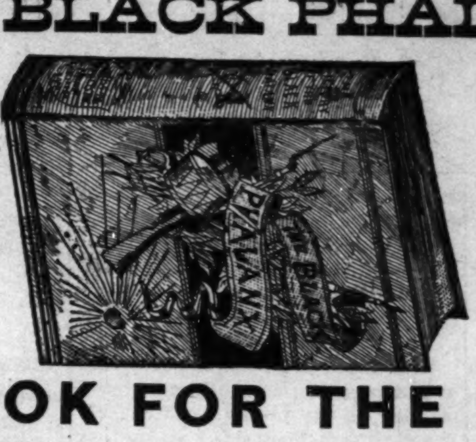

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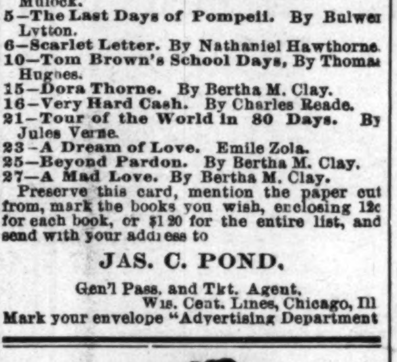

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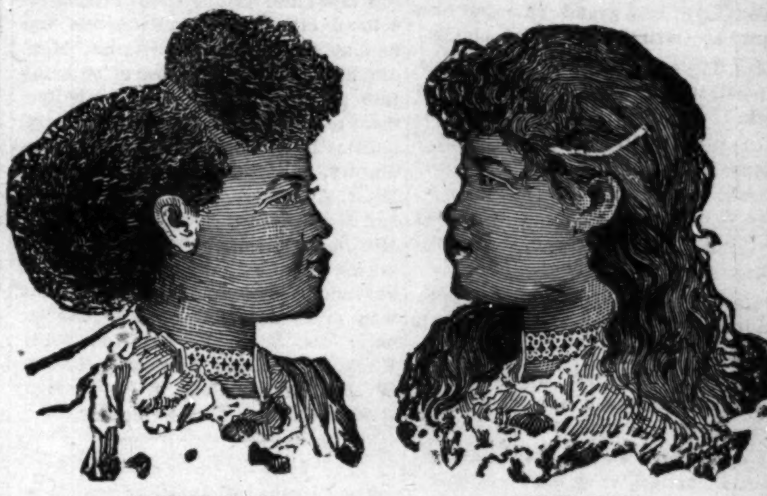

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Our City People

Elwood Knox is ill.

Hear Frederick Douglass.

Mrs. Willis Perry is on the sick list.

Edwin Green, of St. Louis, is in the city this week.

Hon. C. H. J. Taylor is expected in the city to-day.

Hon. Frederick Douglass is expected in the city to-morrow.

Miss Emma Woods is much improved and has returned to her work.

Frederick Douglass at Masonic hall Monday night, Nov. 27th.

Mrs. Richard Mason, of Chicago, was in the city last week on business.

The young people will attend the Thanksgiving Dulcet by the score.

Don't fail to hear Hon. Frederick Douglass Monday night.

Vermont street church will be crowded day and night, November 30.

There will be a grand Thanksgiving dinner at Corinthian Baptist church.

Mrs, Tillie Sweenie and Mr. William Mitchell were married in Chicago, last week.

1000 people will attend the Thanksgiving Dulcet at the Second Baptist church.

Attend the Thanksgiving dinner at Corinthian Baptist church, Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Mattie Williams who has been suffering with an attack of the grip, is out again,

Prepare for the great Thanksgiving Dulcet, at the Second Baptist church, Nov., 30th.

The concert at the Vermont street church Thanksgiving night promises to be a grand one.

The Willing Workers will give a dinner at Corinthian Baptist church, Thanksgiving day.

The Thanksgiving Dulcet will be the first entertainment of its nature given in this city.

Benj. Thornton will address the Hood Literary society next Tuesday evening.

The second Baptist church will be crowded on the 30th to witness the Thanksgiving Dulcet.

Rev. Bunch of Virginia Ave, A. M. E. Z. church is much esteemed by his congregation.

Three Prima Donas partaking in the rendition of one programme at the Second Baptist church, on the 30th.

U are invited by the ladies to take your Thanksgiving dinner with them at Vermont street church.

Mamie I. Brown attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Maud Blanks, at Seymour, last Saturday.

Madam Selika, Miss Mary Jones "The Southern Mocking Bird" and Madam Lizzie P. Dougan will be heard with delight by the elite.

Mrs. Smith, of Connersville, spent a few days in the city this week. She was enroute from Chicago to her home

Dr. Henderson requests every friend of Vermont street church to take their dinner at the church next Thursday.

Fred Simpson and Harry Fiddler, both members of Mahara's McCabe & Young's minstrels, spent Sunday in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Madam Selika, Miss Mary Jones, of Washington, D. C., "The Southern Mocking Bird," and Mme. Lizzie P. Dougan are the Stars for the Thanksgiving Dulcet.

At Reid street Literary society last Monday evening, S. G. and W. E, Givens were successful in proving to the judges that the gambler is more degrading to society than the drunkard. James Williams and William A. Skinner were their opponents.

Announcement Extraordinary!

The HON. FREDERICK DOUGLASS will lecture at Masonic hall, this city, on the evening of Monday, Nov. 27th.

Coming.

Madam Selika, Miss Mary Jones, the "Southern Mocking Bird," of Washington, D C.; Miss Ida. B Wells, of New York, at the Second Baptist church, Nov. 30th.

Special Sermon.

There will be a special sermon at the Ninth Presbyterian church on Thanksgiving, at 11 a. m. from I Chron. 16: 34. Subj. "To whom and why should we all give thanks to-day.

A Brilliant Lecturess.

Mrs. M. R. Rogers Webb, well known as a lady of superior attainments, and brilliant parts, has been a temporary sojourner in our city the past week. She filled the pulpit at Simpson Chapel Sunday, and her effort is spoke of as a very able one. Tuesday night at the same church she delivered her famous lecture, "Divine Human Rights." Mrs. Webb is enroute to Cincinnati to attend the Turner convention. She will be in the city until Monday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Knox.

Wedding Bells.

Miss Leota Jefferson, of this city, and Robert Motts, of Chicago, were married at the bride's residence, 271 Fayette street, Wednesday night, Rev. T. W. Henderson, pastor of Vermont Street A. M. E. church, officiating.

At Bethel Baptist.

Thanksgiving Services, New Bethel Baptist church. Preaching at 11. a. m.; dinner at 12 m.; supper at 6 p. m. musical concert at 8 p. m. and refreshments at all hours under the auspicies of the "Busy Bees."

Colored Citizens Organize.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of colored citizens of Indianapolis was held at Antioch Baptist church, Monday night, for the purpose of entering into an organization for the betterment of their condition commercially, politically and otherwise in the community. Short speeches were made by Dr. S. A. Elbert, Hon. Geo. L. Knox and W. Allison Sweeney. Rev. J. M Morton, chairman, appointed a committee of fifty, subject to the call of chairman. The following gentlemen were selected as delegates to Cincinnati: Dr. S. A. Elbert, Hon. G. L Knox, W. Allison Sweeney, Rev. T. W. Henderson, Rev. J. M. Morton, Rev. J. W. Carr, Conrad Burley.

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Elected to Council.

Harrodsburg, Ky., Special.

Dr. C. H. Wade and Prof. J. H. Lawson, of Harrodsburg, Ky., were elected to the City Council of this city, on the 7th, inst.

The Cantata of "Snow White."

Ft. Smith, Ark., Special.

The annual Harvest Home exposition opened Tuesday night at the 9th street Baptist church. The cantata "Snow White" was rendered nicely by the smaller children, It will continue the rest of the week. Friday night there will be a grand procession of floats, advertising the colored business men of the city. The A. M. E. congregation have another pastor. The Lincoln and Howard schools of our city are progressing rapidly. Prof. W. W. Jones, principal of the Lincoln which is the finest in our city, and Prof. E. O, Trent principal of Howard. Rev. Norman, of the C. M. E. church, have gone to conference.

Burned to Death.

Austin, Tex., Special.

A little child of Mr, and Mrs. Mc-Harris, two years and five months old was burned to death, Nov., 9th. Hansen Clark, the little son of J. C. Clark fell from a tree, Friday the 10th ans hurt himself badley; Dr. Stevens is waiting on him Mrs. L. Harrison is very ill. Mrs. Joe Higgins is no better. Walter Wilson who was severely stabbed by Willis Gibbs, Sunday night the 5th is much better; Gibbs has been arrested. Prof. H. T. Kealing lectured at the Tillotson institute Saturday night, Nov., 18th and at the Third Baptist church Monday, night. The enrollment at Tillotson continues to grow.

And They Were Wed.

Huntsville, Ala., Special.

Ralph Dilliard has gone to Chattanooga. Mrs Dilliard is home again. Miss Laura Turner has been sick, Prof. R M Lowe talked to the members of the Hartsell literary society on the 17th inst. There have been two deaths in our city in the last week; Dick Donegan and little Eve Walker. Subscribe for The Freeman. Henry Pleasant says that he would not do without The Freeman. He is one of our leading Baptist ministers and speaks for The Freeman wherever he goes. On the 16th inst. Rich. Harris and Miss Anna L. Shields were united in wedlock. The Epworth League elected officers on the 13th.

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